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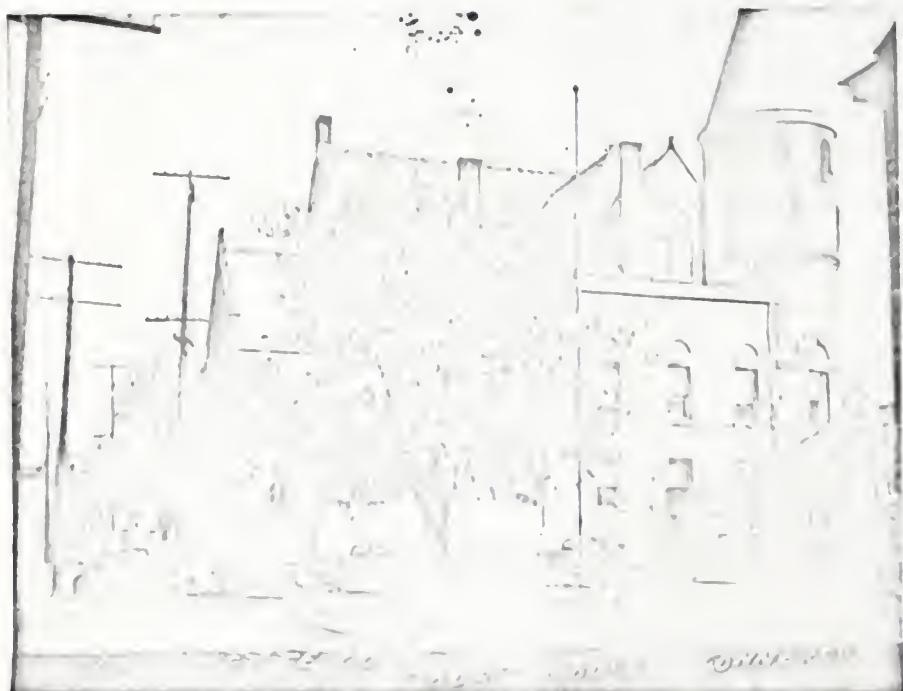


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This inventory of Fayette County records constitutes a part of a general guide to the county archives of Indiana. It has been prepared by the Historical Records Survey of this state, operating as a separate project under the Works Progress Administration.

The survey of state and local historical records in Indiana was instituted in February 1936, as part of a nationwide undertaking under the supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans. Samuel J. Kagan, state archivist of the Indiana History and Archives Division of the State Library, was assigned to lead the project as State Director. In the beginning the Survey was closely associated with the Writers' Project. On September 23, 1936, the Historical Records Survey was nominally as well as factually made independent of the Writers' Project. In general, it has from its very inception acted as a separate and independent unit of Federal Project No. 1.

The aim and purpose of the survey of county records in Indiana has been to furnish the officials of the local, state, and national governments, students of history, lawyers, genealogists, and the general citizenry interested in the county records, with a convenient tool for use in consulting them. It is the object of the Survey to make the valuable source material that is to be found in the Indiana courthouses and other public buildings, available and more accessible to those who may be in need of them. It is our hope that the information contained in this inventory will arouse greater interest in state and local historical records and will encourage officials to continue the improvement of methods for the preservation and safe-keeping of these records.

Preface

The field work of the survey of Fayette County was begun on March 24, 1936, under the district supervision of Norbert Meyers of Franklin, who was succeeded by Clem Montgomery of Waldron. The field workers were Inez Cotner and Gono Todttenbier, of Corydonville. It was completed on July 8, 1936. Many visits, however, have since been made to the county courthouse to check and recheck the information contained herein, the final recheck having been made in July 1937.

There are ninety-two counties in Indiana. When the inventory of county archives is completed a separate volume is to be devoted to each county inventory in the state. Fayette County is No. 21.

The inventory proper is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts and events forming the background and basis of the records. The entries for the record series are carried in consecutive numbering for the county. The bureaus are arranged in functional order: Governing boards; judicial offices; major administrative offices; and financial, educational, health, engineering, and other groups. Wherever applicable, natural groupings under separate headings are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged thereunder also according to their functional sequence. A full and extensive index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with a minimum of inconvenience and effort.

The editing of this inventory has been conducted by an editorial staff of some forty men and women, whose labors we deeply

appreciate and wish to recognize forthwith, captained by Harry A. Rider, Editor; John R. Milligan in charge of accession and classifying; Louise Nation in charge of checking; Canis E. Brockway in charge of condensing; Julius Salzman, legal advisor; and Howard G. Underwood, historical research editor.

The original survey was made in the field under the direction of the State Director and carefully checked and compiled in the form of this inventory in the State Office. Of the industrious and painstaking devotion to this task of each and every person who had a part in the Survey we are keenly aware, and we regret that we cannot command by name the services of all who have contributed to the publication of this volume.

The Survey is indebted to county officials; to the State Works Progress Administration; to Kenneth E. Lancet, Acting Director of Women's and Professional Projects, who has rendered the Survey a great personal service in the administering of the project; and to Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, who has taken personal initiative and interest in behalf of the Survey in giving technical advice to the project.

S. J. KAGAN, State Director

The Historical Records Survey

FOREWORD

A guide to county and township records in Indiana has long been needed by both local officials and the general public. The Works Progress Administration project called the Historical Records Survey is the first attempt to supply this need. Few more useful fields of employment could have been found than the survey of local and state historical records, even though the work inevitably presented unusual difficulties. The completion of the survey of historical records in Indiana is a source of genuine satisfaction.

We are indebted first of all to the Works Progress Administration for providing for the survey and financing it. The National Director of the project, Dr. Luther H. Evans, assured a fruitful product of the work by ably outlining it and drafting the forms to be used by the field workers so as to insure the greatest completeness with the least likelihood of errors. He and his assistants have done all that was possible for this nation-wide survey. Samuel J. Kagan, State Director of Indiana, deserves great credit for his energy and ability in organizing the office and field forces which have carried out the project. To assemble and organize more than one hundred and fifty persons in a new line of work in which there were very few local precedents, and to complete a survey of the county records in all the ninety-two counties, including the townships, at first, seemed almost impossible of accomplishment within a year. It has, however, been accomplished.

An advisory committee has helped guide work upon the project; though no meetings were held, its members in many instances were a great help. A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officers who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the records in their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey. Especially is the state indebted to those officers who made possible the photographing of old records for preservation in a central depository.

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Chairman, Advisory Committee

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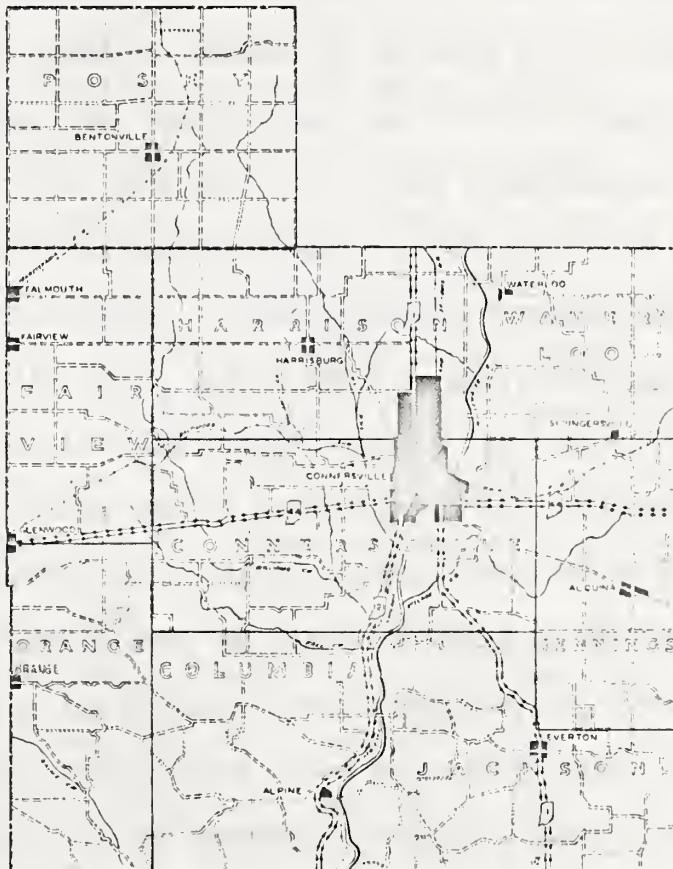
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DIAGRAMMATIC SOIL AREAS FAYETTE COUNTY

STATE PLANNING BOARD
OF INDIANA
1936

LEGEND

- STATE AND U.S. HIGHWAYS
- IMPROVED ROADS
- DIRT ROADS
- TOWNS



1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Fayette County, situated in the eastern part of the state, is bounded on the north by Henry and Wayne Counties, on the east by Wayne and Union Counties, on the south by Franklin County, and on the west by Rush County. It has an area of 216 square miles.

The topography of Fayette County varies from gently rolling to hilly land. The west fork of White River traverses the central part of the county from north to south and lies within a valley one to two miles in width. The uplands on either side of the valley rise one hundred to two hundred feet above the river. Practically the whole county is drained by the west fork of White River and its tributaries, and these streams have eroded deeply the greater portion of the area lying within the boundaries of the county.

The French founded Quebec in 1608, and began explorations to the west and south. La Salle finally descended the Mississippi River to its mouth, and on April 9, 1682, claimed the entire river valley--the American Middle West--in the name of France. In Indiana, French trading posts were established on the present sites of Fort Wayne, Lafayette, and Vincennes by 1733. French and English rivalry over the fur trade ended in the French and Indian War, and by the Treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763, the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys were ceded to Great Britain. Shortly after the outbreak of the American Revolution, General George Rogers Clark captured Vincennes from the British, and this vast region fell into the hands of Virginia. In 1784, Virginia ceded this

History of Fayette County

territory to the United States Government, and three years later the Northwest Territory was organized. Knox County, composed of all of what is now Indiana, and parts of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin, was set up in 1790. Congress provided for the establishment of Indiana Territory in 1800, and in 1816, Indiana was admitted into the Union as a state.

Before the white man came to what is now Indiana, the territory was occupied and claimed by several tribes of Indians, principally the tribes composing the Miami Confederacy--the Twightwees, Weas, Piankashaws, and Shockeys. Other tribes claiming substantial portions of the state were the Potawatomi and the Delawares. The area comprising Fayette County was acquired by the United States Government by two treaties of cession. The greater portion of the county was included in a tract--called the Twelve Mile Purchase--which was bought from the Miami, Delawares, and other tribes at Fort Wayne on September 30, 1809. The remainder of the county fell within the New Purchase--a huge tract of land in the central part of the state and lying south of the Wabash River--negotiated at St. Marys, Ohio, October 6, 1818, between Governor William Henry Harrison and the Miami Confederacy.

The area now included within Fayette County was settled somewhat later than other portions of Whitewater Valley. The first white people to locate near the present site of Connersville was the Frazier family. By 1808, John Conner owned a trading post which stood at the present intersection of Eighth and Eastern Avenues in Connersville. At that time the town was called Conner's

Post or Fort Conner. John Conner had led an adventurous life. Taken by the Shawnees while still a boy, he had been raised and educated in Indian life and could speak their language. He had acted as Indian interpreter for Governor William Henry Harrison in territorial days. The town had been a military station before the Battle of Tippecanoe in November 1811, when there was open warfare in the border districts, and contained a block-house, commonly called "the fort". The first log cabins were occupied by Joshua Harlan, Arthur Dixon, and John Conner. Larkin Sims and Edward Webb entered land late in 1811, and Jacob Case and George Frazier made entries in 1812. The next year the town of Connersville was laid out and platted by John Conner.

Fayette County was formed out of territory previously attached to Franklin and Wayne Counties by an act of the general assembly, approved December 28, 1818. The legal boundaries were described as follows: "Beginning at the south east corner of section thirty-three, township thirteen and range thirteen thence north three miles, thence east three miles to the old boundary line thence north to fractions twenty-eight and thirty-three in the fifteenth township, range fourteen east of the second principal meridian, thence west on said line, to a line dividing sections twenty-seven and twenty-eight in the fifteenth township range twelve east of the second principal meridian, thence north on said line to a line dividing townships fifteen and sixteen thence west six miles, thence south eighteen miles, thence east so far as to intersect the line dividing the twelfth and thirteenth townships thence along said line

east to the place of beginning." (1)

When Union County was formed on January 5, 1821, Fayette lost a strip of territory on its eastern boundary, (2) and on January 16, 1826, six square miles were detached from Franklin County and added to Fayette. (3)

The officials who made up the first county government were: Basil Roberts, Marrod Newland, and John Tyner, commissioners; Jonathan McCarty, clerk; John Conner, sheriff; Jonathan John, coroner; Train Caldwell and Edward Webb, associate judges; Joseph C. Reed, recorder; James Loviston, surveyor; and Newton Claypool, treasurer.

The first meeting of the board of commissioners took place on February 8, 1819, in Connorsville. Among the first acts of the board was the subdivision of the county into five townships. At present there are nine townships in Fayette County: Columbia, Connorsville, Fairview, Harrison, Jackson, Jennings, Orange, Poscy, and Waterloo.

The commissioners appointed to locate the county seat met at the cabin of John McCormick on February 16, 1819, and selected Connorsville for the seat of justice. The county was named in honor of General Lafayette.

The first term of circuit court was held in Connorsville beginning May 3, 1819, before John Watts, presiding judge, and Train Caldwell and Edward Webb, associate judges.

Salaries were small in these early days as the records disclose. The sheriff, in addition to his duties as peace officer, was charged

with the collection of taxes and had to make his rounds on horseback, receiving a percentage of the amount actually collected, which probably was about equal to the treasurer's compensation. The treasurer received and paid out the county funds, taking as his fee five percent on all monies handled. In 1820 the settlement was for \$45.00 for the year, and in 1821, for \$65.05. The sheriff also received fees on the delinquencies in the payment of taxes, which occurred in those early days as at the present day. The listor, which was the name of the officer that we call assessor, was paid about \$55.00 annually for the first four years.

The county finances for the first few years are greatly confused on account of the "donation fund" which was made by public-spirited citizens in consideration of locating the county seat at Connorsville. Payments were partly in cash, partly in lands, and partly in town lots. The fund was under the management of the county agent, Nicholas Roagan.

The tax receipts are not determinable, therefore, until 1822, for which year the total was \$889.76 $\frac{1}{2}$. Nine years later the summary of the first tax duplicate available is in itself an illuminating commentary on the history of that pioneer period.

TAX ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 1831

| | County | State |
|---|------------------------|-------------------------|
| State tax on 1,417 polls | | \$ 531.37 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| State tax on 1,841 acres of first-rate land | | 14.72 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| County tax on 1,841 acres of first-rate land | \$ 15.80 $\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| State tax on 67,914 acres of second-rate land | | 407.48 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

TAX ASSESSMENT FOR THE YEAR 1831 (continued)

| | County | State |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| County tax on 67,914 acres of second-rate land | 339.57 | |
| State tax on 47,397 acres of third-rate land | | 189.58 ² |
| County tax on 47,397 acres of third-rate land | 177.73 ³ | |
| County tax on 1,869 horses, mares, mulos, etc. | 700.87 ² | |
| County tax on 205 work-oxen | 53.42 ² | |
| County tax on 80 silver watches | 20.00 | |
| County tax on 3 gold watchos | 3.00 | |
| County tax on 18 covering horsos | 39.00 | |
| County tax on \$9,507.80 valuation on town lots | 47.53 ¹ | |
| State tax on delinquencies for the year 1830 | | 28.12 ² |
| County tax on delinquencies for the year 1830 | 16.00 | |
| State tax on unsold lands for the year 1830 | | 5.69 ² |
| Total state tax on transcript | | \$1,174.99 ¹ |
| Total county tax on transcript | | 1,414.99 ² |
| Road tax assessment on non-resident lands | 52.75 ³ | |
| Road tax assessment on unsold lands | 1.84 ³ | |
| Total road tax | 54.60 ³ | |
| Total state tax | \$1,174.99 ¹ | |
| Total county tax | 1,414.99 ² | |
| Total road tax | 34.60 ³ | |
| Total | \$2,624.59 ² | |

In the first year governmental affairs were transacted in private residences. At the meeting of the county commissioners in November 1819, by which time the "donation fund" had reached a total permitting the erection of the public buildings for which it was raised, plans were laid out for a courthouse. Unlike most Indiana counties, whose governmental headquarters at first were in log cabins, Fayette County planned for its first courthouse a brick building, forty feet square and two stories high. The contract was

let on the last Saturday of November 1819 and the completed structure was accepted by the county commissioners from Jonathan John, who was evidently the contractor, in October 1822. The cost was \$1,262.50. It stood in the center of the public square, fronting east.

This courthouse, elaborate as it was for the times, soon proved too small. Three years later, in September 1825, a separate frame building was authorized, containing two rooms for the offices of the clerk and the recorder. Within a few years these offices were moved to another building on the southeast corner of the public square--a one-story brick building, 20 x 30 feet, containing two rooms, which was constructed in 1833.

The first jail was made of logs, hewn to a square of 12 inches thick, with three rooms and measuring 30 x 16 feet. It was built on the public square in the summer of 1819, at a cost of \$764.

A second jail, constructed of brick, one story and a half, with three rooms--two below and one above--on the south side of the public square, was authorized in November 1834 and cost \$800.

These buildings continued to fill the county's needs for more than fifteen years, if not adequately, at least without popular complaint. Fayette County folk are thrifty folk and not prodigal of the people's money--their money. But as the county grew in population and in consequent governmental needs, it became more and more evident that something should be done for the expanding county business.

In June 1847, the commissioners let the contract for the second

courthouse. The old structure was torn down and replaced by an ornate, but substantial, brick building in a style of architecture much favored in that period. It was two stories high, with a wing at each side, and in front six columns were set on the extended front of the first story. Above were a cupola and a spire.

This courthouse housed all of the county offices and also the jail and the sheriff's residence (according to the custom of that period). It was completed by November 1849 and the cost was \$20,000.

In 1881 extensive alterations were made, costing \$3,000. The jail and the sheriff's residence were removed to a separate building and the space which had been occupied by them was converted to the use of the county officials. Further remodeling was done in 1890 at a cost of \$50,000. The columns, the cupola, and the spire were removed and the exterior refaced, giving the courthouse the appearance of a modern building. In 1923 fireproof vaults were installed in a number of the county offices.

Fayette County is predominantly agricultural, with the exception of the city of Connerville where all the manufacturing is centered. In point of income for the county and employment for the greater number of persons, however, manufacturing exceeds agriculture. The principal crops are corn, wheat, oats, red clover, alfalfa, truck crops, and tomatoes. The manufactured products are motor cars and motor car parts, furnaces, caskets, refrigerators, and steel cabinets.

The population of the county has grown steadily since 1800,

and at the same time the percentage of urban residents has increased. In 1920, 42.2% of the population was listed as rural, while in 1930, only 35.3% was so classified. Of the total population of over 19,000 in 1930, only 1.0% were foreign born whites and 2.0% were Negroes. The incorporated cities and towns of the county are Connorsville and Glenwood.

(1) Acts 1818, pp. 105-4. (3) Acts 1826, pp. 11-12.
(2) Acts 1821, p. 127.

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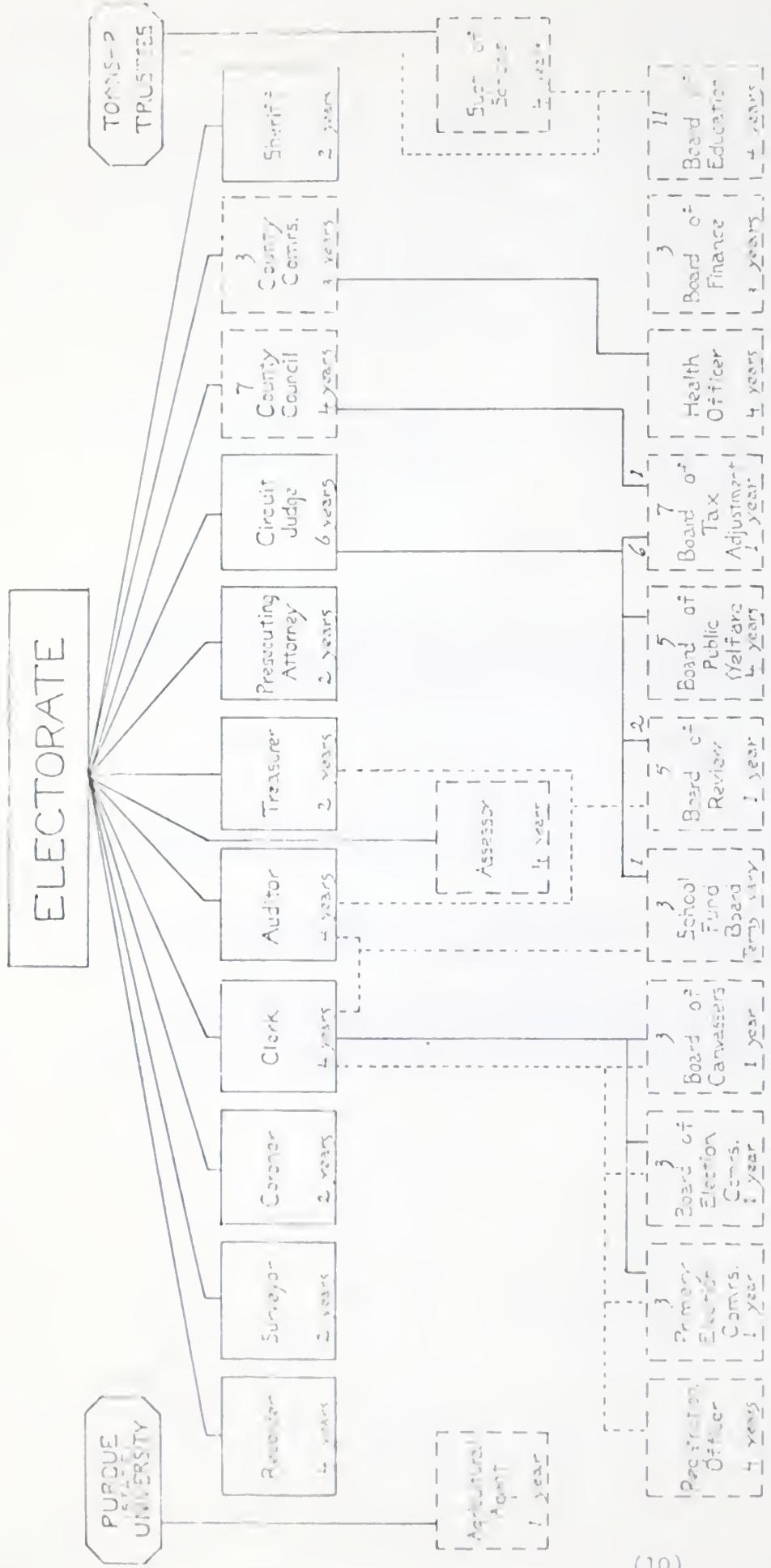
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2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Fayette County, with its county seat at Connersville, is a political subdivision of the State of Indiana for administrative purposes, and has, therefore, only such powers of local government as have been prescribed by law. Fayette County was organized by an act of the general assembly, effective January 1, 1819. (1) Its present form of government, as it functions today, is the result of its development under the original Constitution of 1816, the present constitution adopted in 1851, and more than a century of legislative action.

The county system of government is an inheritance from England and the American colonies, whence pioneers in Indiana brought their customs and laws. Its beginnings in Indiana are found in the laws of the Northwest Territory, which provided for a group of administrative officers, as follows: Sheriff, (2) coroner, (3) and recorder. (4) Under the laws of Indiana Territory of 1802, the office of county surveyor was established. (5)

In the year 1816, Indiana was admitted to the union and the constitution of that year provided for the election in each county of a clerk, (6) recorder, (7) sheriff, and coroner. (8) To these were added by legislative enactment in 1817, a governing body called the board of county commissioners, (9) and the office of treasurer, (10) and in 1818 the office of surveyor. (11) At the organization of Fayette County, these offices were established under the authority of the Constitution of 1816 and subsequent legislative

enactments. In 1841 the office of auditor was established. (12)

As the state grew, there was much dissatisfaction with the Constitution of 1816, but repeated attempts to change it did not succeed until 1851, when a constitutional convention was called and framed a new constitution. This constitution was adopted in 1851, and with amendments remains the constitution of Indiana.

Each county is a political subdivision of the state and has an individual governmental organization. Although the Constitution of 1851 forbids special legislation, (13) the general assembly has provided the necessary additional officers for counties, within a classification based on a population prerequisite. Urban and rural areas obviously cannot be governed by the same number of officers. Each county has the constitutional officers, but the statutory officers vary in number, powers, and duties. The latter may be compulsory in all counties, or they may be optional, and therefore established in only a few instances; others are authorized in only certain classes of counties, though the class may include but one county.

Indiana stands alone among the states of the Union in having a dual system of county government, since the establishment in each county of a county council in 1899, (14) Each county is governed by a board of commissioners and a county council. The duties of these agencies, with technical distinction, are enumerated in their proper places below.

From the beginning of the present century a tendency toward centralization of power in the hands of state authorities has

taken from county officials many of their powers and duties and has greatly lessened the scope of those remaining. In older fields of finance, roads, and education, the state's supervision has greatly increased, and the creation of newer state departments, such as police, food and fire inspection, and public welfare, has caused heavy removal of local responsibility and control.

Present Administration

The Constitution of 1851 provides for the election of a clerk of the circuit court, who keeps the records of the proceedings of all the courts in the county; an auditor, who keeps records of county financial matters and records dealing in real property and the estates of private citizens; a recorder, whose duties are to keep a record of every conveyance or other instrument entitled or required by law to be recorded; a treasurer, who receives all money coming to the county and keeps a record of same; a sheriff, who is conservator of the peace and who carries out court orders; a coroner, who investigates violent deaths and those of suspicious circumstances; and a surveyor, who prepares plans and specifications for the improvement of public works, establishes boundaries for public and private lands, and since 1933 has had charge of drainage systems. (15) The constitution provides for two other officers--circuit judge (16) and prosecuting attorney (17) who legally are a part of the circuit, which may include one or more counties.

The present leading governing body of the county is the board

of commissioners, often callod tho "county board", elected for a term of three years. The board providos buildings to house county business, furnishes public squares and grounds, audits the accounts of the county officers who handle monoy, changes boundaries of townships as it sees fit, and is charged with the maintenance of county roads and highways. (18)

Another governing body is the county council, created in 1899, by statute, to control the finances of county government. This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years. One member is elected from each of the four councilmanic districts by the voters of the district and throe members are elected at large from the county. The county auditor acts as clerk of the council. The council has power to fix certain tax rates; the exclusive right to mako appropriations from tho county treasury, and the exclusive power to authorize the borrow-
ing of monoy and the issuing of bonds; and to adopt the county budgот. (19)

In 1865 the legislature provided for a county school examiner who was appointed by the county commissioners. (20) By legis-
lative enactment in 1873, the act of 1865 was amended, and the school examiner's title was changed to "county superintendent of schools". He was appointed by the township trustees to serve for a term of two years. (21) In 1899 the legislature amended the act of 1873 and now the superintendent of schools is elected by the township trustees and sorves for a term of four years. His duties are specifically set out in the statutos, and he is

under the jurisdiction of the state board of public instruction. (22)

By an act of 1873, the county board of education was created, consisting of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees of the county, and the school trustees of each city and town of the county. (23) In 1877 the legislature changed the membership of the board and the board now is comprised of the county superintendent of schools, township trustees, and the chairman of the school trustees of each city and town of the county. The duties of the board are to consider the general wants and needs of the schools, and matters relating to the purchase of school furniture, books, maps, and charts. (24)

By legislative enactment in 1881 a county board of health was established and was required to elect a secretary who acted as a health officer for the county as well as for each town and city therein. (25) In 1891 the legislature amended the act of 1881 and enlarged the duties of the health officer, who executed the orders of the board of health. (26) By an act of 1909 the office of county health commissioner was instituted, and the same act abolished the county board of health. (27) In 1935 the office of county health commissioner was abolished, and that of county health officer was created. He is appointed by the county commissioners, with approval of the state board of health, for a term of four years. The county health officer must be legally qualified to practice medicine, suitably trained in sanitary science, and his qualifications must be satisfactory to the state board of health. He is required to enforce

the health laws of the state and enforce all rules of the state board of health. (28)

By statute in 1933 the clerk of the circuit court is designated as ex-officio registration officer of the county. He has full charge and control of the registration of voters and appoints as many deputies as are necessary to do the work. (29)

In 1899, the legislature created the board of election commissioners, to consist of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him. It is the duty of the board to prepare, print, and distribute ballots for the elections. (30) By an act of 1905, the board of election commissioners was constituted a board of canvassers, to tabulate the votes, record them in poll books, and declare the election winners by a statement of certification. (31) In 1915, the legislature provided for primary election commissioners. It is their duty to prepare and distribute the primary ballots and generally supervise the primary elections. (32)

By statute in 1891 the office of county assessor was created. The assessor is elected for a four-year term. His duties are to examine carefully the tax duplicates, to instruct and advise the township assessors, to review their returns, to assess omitted real and personal property, to appraise estates for inheritance taxes, and to report to the state board any delinquencies of the township assessors. He is ex officio member and president of the county board of review. (33)

An act of 1891 created the county board of review, whose members are the county assessor, auditor, and treasurer. (34)

This act was amended in 1919 to include two freeholders of opposite political parties as members of the board. The duty of this board is to equalize unfair assessments on real and personal property. (35)

In 1907 an act created the board of finance, consisting of the board of county commissioners. The auditor acts as secretary. This board has the custody of the county funds and selects the depositories. (36) The general assembly repealed the act which established this board, and in the same session, in the Depository Act of 1935, reestablished the board of finance practically unaltered. (37)

By an act of 1913, the legislature made provision for the office of agricultural agent, legally termed county agent, but commonly referred to by the descriptive name. Inasmuch as the agent of the state in the sale of state lands originally was called the county agent, the popular name is used here. The act provided that this office should come into existence whenever a certain number of residents of the county shall petition therefor. The appointment was made annually by Purdue University and approved by the county board of education. Upon proper petition, this office was established in Fayette County, April 16, 1917. (38) In 1937 the office was made mandatory in every Indiana county. The agent is now appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of a state board which is called the county agricultural agent board. (39) The duties of the agricultural agent are to disseminate information for the

promotion and advancement of agriculturo, horticulturo, and domestic science. (40)

In 1913 the county highways were placed in charge of a superintendant of highways, who was appointed by the county commissioners for a term of two years. (41) In 1933 this office was abolished, (42) and the dutios were transferred to the surveyor, (43) unless the county commissioners appoint, at their option, a highway supervisor, (44) in order to provide for the necessary supervision of the highways in countios warranting more attention than the survoyer can give. The term of office of the highway supervisor is discretionary with the board of county commissioners. (45) Fayette County does not have a highway supervisor.

The board of tax adjustment was established by an act of 1933, and consisted of seven members. (46) By an act of 1937, the qualifications of the members of the board were changed. One is a member of the county council, chosen by the council; one is the mayor of the largest city in the county or any public official of the county, appointed by the said mayor of the largest city of the county; one member of the county board of education, selected by such board; and four freeholders of the county appointed by the judge of the circuit court. Not more than four members can be of the same political party. The board is empowered to serve for one year. (47) It is the duty of the board to examine, and if it deems necessary, revise, change, or reduce, but not increase, any tax levy and any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies

are based, and apportion the total of all of the levies so that the total levy on property within any municipal corporation for which the property therein is taxable, shall not exceed the total rate as provided by law. (48)

The school fund board was created by an act of 1935 and consists of three members: the auditor and the clerk, ex-officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court for a two-year term. The duty of this board is to make all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real property secured by mortgage. (49)

The board of public welfare was created by an act of the legislature in 1936. The board consists of five members appointed by the judge of the circuit court to serve for a term of four years. The board must consist of at least two women members and not more than three of the board members may be adherents of the same political party. The board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, to aged persons, and to all those who are otherwise handicapped. (50)

Judicial

The judicial system of Fayette County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the state constitution and the subsequent legislative enactments of the Indiana General Assembly. The constitution authorized and directed the general assembly to divide into judicial circuits the whole state as needs arise.

Fayette County constitutes the seventy-third circuit, established in 1921. (51) Previously, it was part of a judicial circuit to which other counties were attached. The constitution further provides for the election of a judge (52) and a prosecuting attorney (53) for the circuit, and a clerk of the circuit court. (54) The circuit court has jurisdiction in all criminal, civil, probate, and juvenile cases, and hears appeals from lower courts as conferred by law. (55)

In 1852 by legislative enactment, the court of common pleas was established with limited jurisdiction. (56) The court continued in existence until it was abolished by an act of the legislature in 1873. (57)

Records System

The establishment of each of the county offices and bureaus inaugurated their records which were kept in such fashion as the incumbents saw fit, following in the main the directions of the general assembly under the provisions for each respective office. In 1909, the legislature established the state board of accounts, which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class. (58) Under this law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The law also permits the use of bound loose-leaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the board of county commissioners, except that a good quality is required.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records of any office from mutilation, the board of county commissioners issues an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records for preservation. (59)

In 1925 a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the archives division of the state library for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices. (60)

This law is optional and has been ineffectual. County officials are loath to part with records, even when no longer in use and in spite of lack of storage space, anticipating a possible call for them. Consequently, they have only occasionally availed themselves of this provision for permanent preservation of their old records.

By an act of 1937 of the general assembly of Indiana, the director of the State Library is authorized, at his discretion, to make a copy, by photography or in any other way, of any official book, record, document, original paper, newspaper, or printed book or material in any county, city, or other public office, for preservation in the state archives. All public officials must permit copies to be made of the books, records, documents, and papers in their respective offices. (61)

- (1) Acts 1830, ch. 24, sec. 1.
- (2) Laws of Northwest Territory; Acts 1788, ch. 2, sec. 12.
- (3) Ibid., Acts 1788, ch. 9, sec. 1.
- (4) Ibid., Acts 1795, p. 197.
- (5) Laws of Indiana Territory; Acts 1802, ch. 1, sec. 1.
- (6) Const. 1816, art. 5, sec. 8.
- (7) Ibid., art. 11, sec. 10.
- (8) Ibid., art. 4, sec. 25.
- (9) Acts 1817; ch. 15, sec. 1.
- (10) Acts 1817; ch. 17, sec. 1.
- (11) Acts 1818; ch. 30, sec. 1.
- (12) Acts 1841, ch. 2, sec. 1.
- (13) Const., art. 4, sec. 22.
- (14) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501.
- (15) Const., art. 6, sec. 2.
- (16) Const., art. 7, sec. 1.
- (17) Const., art. 7, sec. 11.
- (18) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-601.
- (19) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501.
- (20) Acts 1865, ch. 1, sec. 33.
- (21) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 2.
- (22) Acts 1899, 1911, 1913; Burns 28-702.
- (23) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 8.
- (24) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801.
- (25) Rev. Stat. 1881, sec. 4993.
- (26) Acts 1891, ch. 15, sec. 8.
- (27) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-108.
- (28) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 35-118.
- (29) Acts 1935; Burns 29-306.
- (30) Acts 1889; Burns 29-1002.
- (31) Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 29-1401.
- (32) Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504.
- (33) Acts 1891, 1919; Burns 64-1101.
- (34) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114.
- (35) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1201, 64-1205.
- (36) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606.
- (37) Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-628.
- (38) Acts 1913, 1923, 1927; Burns 28-4911.
- (39) Acts 1937; ch. 224, sec. 1.
- (40) Ibid.
- (41) Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1.
- (42) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1113.
- (43) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101.
- (44) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110.
- (45) Ibid.
- (46) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.
- (47) Acts 1937, ch. 119, sec. 4.
- (48) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.
- (49) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 28-209.
- (50) Acts 1936, spc. sess.; Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1118.
- (51) Acts 1911; Burns 4-332.
- (52) Const., art. 7, sec. 1.
- (53) Ibid., sec. 11.
- (54) Ibid., art. 6, sec. 2.
- (55) Acts 1881; Burns 4-303.
- (56) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 1.
- (57) Acts 1873, ch. 29, sec. 80.
- (58) Acts 1909; Burns 60-224.
- (59) Acts 1908; Burns 26-634.
- (60) Acts 1925; Burns 63-830.
- (61) Acts 1937, ch. 172, sec. 1.

Floor plans of the first floor to be inserted here.

3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

Fayette County courthouse is situated on a public square at Fourth Street and Central Avenue in Connorsville. It was erected in 1849 and remodeled in 1881 and 1890, assuming its present shape in the latter year. A fireproof vault for the recorder's records, and semifireproof vaults for the clerk's, auditor's, and treasurer's records were constructed in 1932-1933. The offices of the clerk, the recorder, the assessor, the treasurer, and the auditor are on the first floor; the offices of the sheriff, the superintendent of schools, and the surveyor are on the second floor; and a storage room for records is located in the basement.

Commissioners

The records of the commissioners are housed in the auditor's office and vault, the recorder's office and vault, the highway supervisor's office, the basement storage room, and a hall in the basement (q.v., infra).

Council

Records of the council are housed in the auditor's office and vault. (q.v., infra).

Clerk

An office and a vault on the west side of the first floor are occupied by a clerk. For the office, which houses 10% of the clerk's records, 46% of the coroner's records, 60% of the records of the

Floor plans of the second floor to be inserted here.

common pleas court, and 2½ of the records of the circuit court, no details are available at present. The vault, which is 24' by 13' by 10', is well lighted and well ventilated and has a concrete floor and plastered walls and ceiling. It houses 414' of bound volumes and 600' of unbound records in file boxes 11" deep, which completely occupy the present shelving. No space can be obtained in this room for additional shelving. Eighty-three percent of the clerk's records, 90% of the records of the circuit court, and 36% of the coroner's records are housed in the vault which provides satisfactory accommodations for users of the records. Of the other 7% of the clerk's records, 1% is in the recorder's office and 6% in the basement storage room.

Recorder

The recorder's office and vault occupy the entire south side of the first floor. The vault, which has a concrete floor, plastered walls, and a concrete ceiling, measures 31' by 16' by 10' and is well lighted and well ventilated. The office houses 50% of the recorder's records and 1% each of the records of the commissioners, the clerk, and the superintendent of schools; the vault houses 44% of the recorder's records, 50% of the records of the board of review, 31% of the records of the commissioners, 16% of the auditor's records, 13% of the records of the board of finance, 11% of the treasurer's records, and 1% of the records of the circuit court. Those in the vault consist of 570' of bound volumes. Space here is available for additional shelving, which is needed, and adequate accommodations

Floor plans of the basement to be inserted here.

are provided for users of the records. No further details on the office are available. The other 6% of the recorder's records are housed in the basement storage room.

Circuit Court

The records of the circuit court are in the custody of the clerk and are housed in his office and vault, the recorder's vault, the basement storage room, and on shelving in a hall in the basement (q.v.: clerk, supra; recorder and storage room, infra).

Common Pleas Court

The records of the common pleas court, like those of the circuit court, are in the clerk's custody. They are kept in the clerk's office and the basement storage room (q.v.: clerk, supra; storage rooms, infra).

Sheriff

The sheriff's office, on the northwest corner of the second floor, is 20' by 11' by 10'. Well lighted and well ventilated, it has a wood floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling, and provides good accommodations for persons consulting the records. These comprise 2' of bound volumes and 1' of unbound records, all of which are arranged on a table. Space for the installation of shelving, if needed, can be obtained here. Fifty percent of the sheriff's records are housed here and 50% in the basement storage room.

Coroner

The coroner's records are housed in the clerk's office and vault and the basement storage room (q.v.: clerk, supra; storage rooms, infra).

Assessor

The assessor's office, a well lighted, well ventilated room, adjoins the clerk's office to the north, both being on the west side of the first floor. In this room, which is 28' by 22' by 10' and has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and plastered ceiling, 50% of the assessor's records, and 18% of the auditor's records--57' of bound volumes--are housed. The wooden shelving is not entirely occupied, 12' being left for expansion. Satisfactory accommodations are provided here for users of the records. The other 50% of the assessor's records are housed in the auditor's office.

Board of Review

Records of the board of review are kept in the auditor's office and vault and in the recorder's vault (q.v.: recorder, supra; auditor, infra).

Board of Tax Adjustment

All the records of the board of tax adjustment are housed in the auditor's vault (q.v., infra).

Board of Finance

The records of the board of finance are housed in the auditor's office and vault and in the recorder's vault (q.v.: recorder, supra: auditor, infra).

Treasurer

The treasurer's office and vault, the latter adjoining the office to the north, are located on the west side of the first floor. No details on the office, in which are 43% of the treasurer's records, are available at present. The vault, whose dimensions are 18' by 5' by 8', has a concrete floor and plastered walls and ceiling. Providing no accommodations for users, it is poorly lighted and poorly ventilated. It is equipped with 168' of steel shelving which is filled with 168' of bound volumes and 7' of unbound records in file boxes 13" deep, but space can be obtained for additional shelving. This vault houses 28% of the treasurer's records and 1% of the auditor's records. The other 21% of the treasurer's records are distributed as follows: 11% in the recorder's vault, 2% in the auditor's office, 1% in the auditor's vault, and 7% in the basement storage room.

Auditor

The auditor's office and vault occupy the entire north side of the first floor. The vault, which is directly west of the office, is 33' by 12' by 10'; it has a concrete floor, plastered walls, and plastered ceiling, and is in good condition, well lighted, but poorly ventilated. One hundred feet of steel shelving is occupied by

bound volumes. No space for expansion can be obtained on the present shelving, but ample space is available for additional shelving. In the office, for which no details are at present available, are 1½ of the auditor's records, 62½ of the records of the board of finance, 50% of the assessor's records, 25% each of the records of the council and the board of review, 7% of the commissioners' records, and 2% of the treasurer's records. Satisfactory accommodations are provided in the vault for users of the records, which comprise 4% of the auditor's records, all records of the board of tax adjustment, 96% of the surveyor's records, 75% of the records of the council, 55% of the commissioners' records, 25% each of the records of the board of review and the board of finance, and 1½ of the treasurer's records. The other records of the auditor are distributed as follows: 18% in the assessor's office, 16% in the recorder's vault, 1% in the treasurer's vault, and 60% in the basement storage room.

Board of Education

The records of the board of education are housed in the office of the superintendent of schools (q.v., infra).

Superintendent of Schools

The office of the superintendent of schools, a well lighted, well ventilated room, is located on the southeast corner of the second floor. Having a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling, it is in good condition, and is well lighted and well ventilated. Forty-eight feet of bound volumes and 10' of unbound records in file boxes 13" deep are housed on wooden shelving, 12' of which are vacant. Ninety-nine per cent of the records of the superintendent of schools

and all the records of the board of education are housed in this room, in which users of the records are well accommodated. The other 1% of the superintendent's records is in the recorder's office.

Health Officer

All the records of the health officer are housed in the basement storage room (q.v., infra).

Board of Public Welfare

The records of the board of public welfare are housed in its office on the southwest corner of the second floor. This room is 21' by 11' by 11' and has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling. One foot of bound volumes arranged on a table comprise all the records of the board. Well lighted and well ventilated, the office provides adequate accommodations for persons consulting the records.

Surveyor

The surveyor's office adjoins the office of the superintendent of schools on the south side of the second floor. Measuring 22' by 12' by 11', it has a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling, and is well ventilated and well lighted. One foot of unbound records--4% of the surveyor's records--is housed here. The other 96% of the records are kept in the auditor's vault. Users of the records are furnished with adequate accommodations.

Highway Maintenance

The highway records are housed in an office at the northwest corner of the county highway garage. The surveyor has charge of highway maintenance, ex officio. The office, which is 22' by 11' by 10', has a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling.

Lighting and ventilation in this room are good, and good accommodations are provided for users of the records. One foot of bound volumes is arranged on a desk, and 4' of unbound records are housed in a filing cabinet. All the records of highway maintenance and 1% of the commissioners' records are kept here.

Agricultural Agent

The agricultural agent's office is a well lighted, well ventilated room on the east side of the first floor, which measures 18' by 15' by 12'. All the records of the agricultural agent--6' of unbound records in a filing cabinet--are housed here. Satisfactory accommodations for users of the records are provided in this room, which has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling. No additional equipment, either for users of the records, or for the records themselves, is needed.

Storage Rooms

In the southeast corner of the basement is a storage room where a portion of the records of many offices are housed. The room is 21' by 11' by 8'; it has concrete floor, ceiling, and walls. These are in good condition, but the lighting and ventilation are poor, and no accommodations are provided for users of the records. The

shelving is wholly occupied by 500' of bound volumes, no space being left for additional shelving. All the records of the health commissioner, 60% of the auditor's records, 50% of the sheriff's records, 40% of the records of the common pleas court, 18% of the coroner's records, 7% each of the records of the circuit court and the treasurer, 6% each of the records of the clerk and the recorder, and 4% of the commissioners' records are housed here. One per cent each of the commissioners' records and of the circuit court are housed on shelving in a hallway in the basement.

Review

In practically all of the offices there is evident an inadequate amount of shelving, and, hand in hand with this, a lack of space for additional shelving. There can be but one solution to this problem--the construction of another storage room.

A storage room could easily be constructed directly above the recorder's vault at a relatively low cost. This is recommended by the Historical Records Survey as being the most feasible plan to relieve the congestion in the offices and vaults and to provide ample space for the proper care and preservation of both present and future records.

4. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein. **1414636**

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| Acts | (Session) Laws of the State of Indiana (commonly referred to by binder's title, "Acts"). By authority ... (of the) Secretary of State (of Indiana) |
| agr. agt. | agricultural agent, agricultural agent's |
| alph. | alphabetical, alphabetically |
| approx. | approximately |
| arr. | arranged |
| art. | article |
| assr. | assessor, assessor's |
| aud. | auditor, auditor's |
| aver. | average |
| bdl. | bundle |
| Bldg. | Building |
| bsmt. | basement |
| Burns | Burns, Harrison, editor. Annotated Indiana Statutes containing all acts of a general and public nature in force September 1, 1933. 12 vols. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind. (c1933 and 1934) With Supplement 1936 in pocket in back cover. (Year is given in reference only in citations to supplement. Numbers refer to sections which run in one continuous, consecutive series as explained in Burns 1:iii-iv.) |
| c.. | copyright (before date) |
| C.C. | County Courthouse |
| ch. | chapter |

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| chron. | chronological, chronologically |
| clk. | clerk, clerk's |
| comr. | commissioner, commissioner's, commissioners, commissioners' |
| Const. | Constitution of Indiana (refers to present constitution unless date follows) |
| cor. | coroner, coroner's |
| hdw. | handwritten |
| hi. sup. | highway supervisor, highway supervisor's |
| hlth. offr. | health officer, health officer's |
| ibid. | ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing) |
| Ind. | Indiana; Indiana Reports (when preceded by the volume number, reference is to the official state court reports). |
| Laws Ind. Terr. | Laws of Indiana Territory, The: 1801-1809. Edited by Francis S. Philbrick. Collections of the Illinois State Historical Library: Vol. 21. Reprinted with supplementary Indiana material. Indianapolis, Ind. Historical Bureau, 1931. |
| Laws. N.W. Terr. | Laws of the Northwest Territory, The: 1788-1800. Edited by Theodore Calvin Pease. Illinois State Historical Library Law Series: Vol. 1. Springfield, Ill. Reprinted by the Illinois State Bar Association. (c1925) |
| mi. | mile |
| n. | north |
| ne. | northeast |
| no., nos. | number, numbers |
| nw. | northwest |
| off. | office |
| p., pp. | page, pages |

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| pr. fm. | printed form |
| pt. | part |
| pvt. | private |
| pros. atty. | prosecuting attorney, prosecuting attorney's |
| q.v. | which see |
| rec. | record |
| recr. | recorder, recorder's |
| Rev. Laws 1831 | Revised Laws of Indiana, ... enacted by the general assembly at their fifteenth session ... Published by authority of the general assembly. Indianapolis, 1831. |
| Rev. Stat. 1843 | Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana, passed at the twenty-seventh session of the general assembly ... Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1843. |
| 1 Rev. Stat. 1852) | Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana, passed at the thirty-sixth session of the general assembly ... 2 vols. Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1852. |
| 2 Rev. Stat. 1852) | |
| Rev. Stat. 1881 | Revised Statutes of Indiana ... Collated and annotated by James S. Frazer, John B. Stotsenburg, and David Turpion, Commissioners. By authority of the general assembly Chicago, Ill. B. B. Myers and Company, 1881. |
| rm. | room |
| s. | south |
| sec. | section |
| se. | southeast |
| shf. | sheriff, sheriff's |
| spc. sess. | special session |
| stat. | statutes |
| stg. | storage |

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|-------------------|---|
| suppl. | supplement |
| sur. | surveyor, surveyor's |
| supt., supt. sch. | Superintendent, superintendent's, superintendent of schools |
| sw. | southwest |
| tr. | treasurer, treasurer's |
| twp. | township |
| U. S. | United States |
| vol., vols. | volume, volumes |
| vt. | vault |
| wfr. | welfare |
| -- | current |
| ' | foot, feet |
| " | inch, inches |

Other abbreviations in common use are occasionally used.

Explanatory Notes

The inventory of the records of each bureau is preceded by an explanatory section, giving its legal status and functions. In this brief essay the inception date of each office is given as a comparative basis for the dates of the records. If the office was established before the origin of the county, the date of organization is the inception date. Whenever the inception date of records is later than the date of the organization of the county, it is by reason of statutory inauguration.

Entries are grouped under an outline classification, using headings and subheads according to relative functions. The first

breakdown is centered in capitals and lower-case; the second breakdown is relative to the first and is in capitals and lower-case, underscored at the margin.

Each entry has two parts or paragraphs: Title and description. Occasionally an entry will have a third cross-reference paragraph.

I. The title consists of:

1. Entry number. The entries are numbered consecutively within the county.

2. Titles in capitals, enclosed in parentheses, are supplied by the Historical Records Survey, because the volume or file has no title. Words in capitals and lower case, enclosed in parentheses, are also supplied, where it is necessary to explain the types of records more fully, or where the exact title borne by the record is incorrect.

3. Period covered by the record, showing beginning and ending dates by years only. In a divided year, the months and days are given. A dash in place of an ending date denotes a continuous open record.

4. Quantity.

5. Markings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one unit, marked 1, the marking is omitted; if otherwise marked, except by dates, marking is given. If marking is inconsistent or confusing, the notation "Labeling varios" follows the quantity.

6. Missing volumes.

7. Subtitles or variations in title.

II. The description consists of:

1. A complete description of the record, its contents, and its purpose, with a résumé of the column headings or subjects treated.

2. Method of arrangement or indexing.

3. Nature of recording. Modern records are almost exclusively in printed form, filled in by hand or typewriter as stated in entry.

4. Condition. Unless good or excellent, in which case, it is omitted.

5. Number of pages averaged for a series.

6. Size, averaged for a series, is given in inches unless otherwise specified; hence the inch sign is omitted.

7. Location. The place of custody (the room in which the records are located) is given in the entry, except, as stated in the essay on the legal status of the office, in cases where all, or the majority, of the records are in one room.

III. Cross-references made to other entries.

1. For records which have relative functions.

2. For records having earlier or later recordings under a different title or type of record.

3. For records on which additional information may be found in other entries.

Whenever an entry contains more than one type of record, all the dates are given in a master entry under the actual title or under a complete title, if supplied, with reference to subordinate entries for each part. The subordinate entries consist of title, dates, and description only.

I. COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The board of commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year. The county is divided into three districts from each of which one member is elected by the electorate of the entire county. (1) Fayette County has had a board of commissioners from its creation in 1819, as provided in the acts of 1817, (2) and the revised statutes of 1852. (3)

The board was intended to be the administrative and executive head of the county. In 1899 the fiscal powers were vested exclusively in the county council (q.v.) which was then created. (4)

The board of commissioners is a corporate body with powers to sue and be sued, and possessing duties, rights, and powers incident to corporations. (5) It meets in regular session every month on the first Monday and in special sessions as called by the county auditor, its ex-officio clerk. (6)

Its principal functions are: Control of county property, allowance of claims against county, (7) letting of county contracts, supervision of contracts of maintenance of roads and bridges, (8) preparation of annual budget estimates, (9) and exercise of the right of eminent domain. (10) Other powers, in specific instances, have been conferred upon the board by the legislature, chiefly; to abolish or change township or precinct boundary lines, (11) to establish libraries (12) and hospitals, (13) to authorize payment of bounties, and to offer rewards. (14)

The commissioners, by virtue of their office, were constituted a board of turnpike directors, by an act of 1879, for the management and control of all free turnpikes in the county. Each director had personal supervision of one district. Their powers were to appoint suitable persons to supervise the work of repairs; contract for labor and materials; enter upon lands to take gravel, and to give certificates of payment; and to appoint a clerk of the board. (15) An act of 1905 made the county auditor the clerk of the board. (16)

This board was abolished in 1913, and the highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways appointed by the commissioners. (17)

This office was likewise abolished twenty years later, and supervision of highways was transferred to the surveyor (q.v.) unless the commissioners appoint a highway supervisor (q.v.). (18) The county commissioners may employ the surveyor to serve as highway supervisor. (19)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Burns 26-601, 26-602, 26-603. | (5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-606. |
| (2) Acts 1817, ch. 14, sec. 1. | (6) Acts 1863; Burns 26-607. |
| (3) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Burns 26-601. | (7) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-620. |
| (4) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501, 26-515, 26-529, 26-532, 26-533. | (8) Acts 1905; Burns 36-1301. |
| | (9) Acts 1899; Burns 26-516. |
| | (10) Acts 1899; Burns 26-2101. |
| | (11) Acts 1859; Burns 26-701. |

Court Proceedings and Reports

1. COMMISSIONERS' RECORD, 1819--. 18 vols. (A-R).

Record of petitions for improvements and bids on buildings and highways, showing date, name and residence of bidder, kind of petition, and amount of bid. Indexed alph. by names of contracts. 1819-May 16, 1908, hdw.; May 10, 1908--, typed. Vols., A-D, condition poor. 350 pp. 10 x 10 x 2. 17 vols., 1819-Sept. 4, 1930, Recr. rec. rm.; 1 vol., Sept. 4, 1930--, Aud. vt.

2. COMMISSIONERS' DOCKET, 1879--. 3 vols.

Record of proceedings in commissioners' court, showing date, case no., name and residence of claimant, nature of case, and decision. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 1 vol., 1879-99, Recr. vt.; 2 vols., 1899--, Aud. vt.

3. COMMISSIONERS' UNFINISHED BUSINESS, 1936--. 1 file box.

Unfinished business to be transacted at future meetings, showing date of filing, and unpaid county bills. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

4. COMMISSIONERS' COURT, 1924-33. 36 file drawers.

Commissioners' court documents, showing date, name of claimant, claim no., amount of claim, and claims paid. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

Bond Issues

5. REGISTER OF MACADAM ROAD BONDS, AND INTEREST PAID, 1925--.

1 vol.

Record of macadam road bonds, showing date, names of road and bond, and interest, warrant no., and annual total. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 19 x 1. Aud. vt.

Court Proceedings and Reports-- Bond Issues (continued)

6. MISCELLANEOUS BONDS, 1931--. 4 file boxes.

Surety bonds provided by persons supplying materials for construction and repairs of public buildings, showing date, name, address, name of surety, no. and amount of bond, and kind of supplies. No index.

13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

Petitions

7. DITCHES AND REPAIRS AND ROAD REMONSTRANCE, 1931--.

2 boxes.

Petitions for repairs on roads and ditches, showing date, names of petitioners and roads, location, and action taken. No index.

13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

8. OLD ROADS, 1860-1900. 8 file boxes.

Petitions and contracts for roads, showing date, names of petitioners, location, description and kind of road, and estimated costs. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

For subsequent record, see entry 2.

9. HIGHWAY, 1860-1900. 8 file boxes.

Petitions and contracts for highways, showing date, names of petitioners, location and name of highway, and estimated costs. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

For subsequent record, see entry 2.

10. OLD DITCHES, 1860-1900. 8 file boxes.

Petitions and contracts for improvement and construction of ditches,

Court Proceedings and Reports--Petitions (continued)

showing date, names of petitioners, location and name of ditch, and estimated cost. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

For subsequent record, see entry 2.

11. Bridges, 1860-1900. 8 file boxes.

Petitions and contracts for bridges, showing date, names of petitioners, location and name of bridge, and estimated cost. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

For subsequent record, see entry 2.

12. (MISCELLANEOUS ROADS AND BRIDGES), 1931--. 7 file boxes.

Petitions for the construction of bridges, showing date, names of petitioners, location and description of bridge, and date presented to council. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

Requisitions, Bids, and Contracts

13. COUNTY INFIRMARY REQUISITION AND MISCELLANEOUS, 1926--.

1 box.

Requisitions for food supplies, showing date, name of vendor, nature of supplies, requisition no., and total amount. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 2.

14. BIDDER'S RECORD, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of bids on supplies, showing date, names of bidders, amount, purpose, and name of accepted bidder. Indexed alph. by names of bidders. Hdw. 350 pp. 15 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 1.

Requisitions, Bids, Contracts(continued)

15. (MISCELLANEOUS ROADS AND BRIDGES), 1931--. 7 file boxes.

Bids for construction and repair of highways, showing date, name of bidder, amount of bid, location and description of highway, and amount of mileage to be constructed. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Aud. rec. rm.

16. MISCELLANEOUS BIDS(Bidder's Record), 1936. 3 boxes.

Miscellaneous bids for supplies, showing date, name of bidder, kind of supplies, and amount of bid. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 1.

17. (MISCELLANEOUS ROADS AND BRIDGES), 1931--. 7 file boxes.

Bids for construction and repair of bridges, showing date, name of bidder, nature of bid, specifications, and amount. No index.

13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. rec. rm.

18. (MISCELLANEOUS ROADS AND BRIDGES), 1933--. 7 file boxes.

Bids for repairs of gravel roads, showing date, name of bidder, amount, name of road, and date of repair. No index, 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. rec. rm.

19. COURTHOUSE OFFICE SUPPLY REQUISITION, 1936. 1 file box.

Requisitions for supplies, showing date, name of office, kind of supplies, quantity, and requisition no. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 1.

Requisitions, Bldgs., and Contracts (continued)

20. ROAD CONTRACTS, 1931--. 7 file boxes.

Contracts for construction and repair of roads, showing date, name of contractor and road, location and description of road, and type and amount of contract. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

21. BRIDGE CONTRACTS, 1931--. 7 file boxes.

Contracts for construction of bridges, showing date, name of contractor and bridge, description and location, type of bridge to be constructed, and amount of contract. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Aud. off.

22. TIRE RECORD, 1933--. 1 box.

Tires used on highway trucks, showing date purchased and put in service, make, size, serial no., wheel, truck no., mileage, cost per mile, total cost, and date removed. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.
High. sup. off.

23. TIRE GUARANTEES, 1955--. 1 box.

Special warranty certificate for tire and tube service, showing date, name of purchaser, type, size, serial no., and description. No index. 14 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. High. sup. off.

Claims and Allowances

24. COMMISSIONERS' CLAIM DOCKET, 1858--. 8 vols. (1-2, 1-3, end 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of claims and allowances, showing date, name of claimant, claim no., nature and amount of claim, and amount allowed. No index. 1858-Jan. 24, 1911, hdw.; Jan. 24, 1911--, typed. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 5 vols., 1858-Sept. 1, 1901, Se. bsmt. stg. r.; 2 vols., Sept. 1, 1901-Aug. 1, 1932, Recr. off.; 1 vol., Aug. 1, 1932--, Aud. off.

Requisitions, Bills, and Contracts--Wages and Allowances (continued)

25. REGISTER OF ALLOWANCES, Mar. 30-June 3, 1878. 1 vol.

Register of claims allowed for expenditures, showing date filed, name of claimant, amount allowed, nature of claim, and warrant and claim nos. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 24.

26. CLAIMS, 1932-33. 1 file drawer.

Miscellaneous claims for expenditures, showing date, name of claimant, nature and amount of claim. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. rec. rm.

27. COMMISSIONERS' CLAIMS, 1936. 4 boxes.

Miscellaneous claims for expenditures, showing date, name of claimant, nature and amount of claim. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

28. (AFFIDAVIT OF MORTGAGE INDEBTEDNESS), 1831-1916. 1 box.

Labeled: Commissioners' Papers.

Affidavits of mortgage indebtedness, showing date, name and address of property owner, amount of mortgage and exemption, and date paid. No index. 36 x 24 x 18. Bsmt. hall.

29. (APPRAISERS' BONDS), 1831-1916. (In same file box as entry 28).

Appraisers' surety bonds, showing date, name, address, bond no., name of bondsman, and date of expiration. No index. 36 x 24 x 18. Bsmt. hall.

acquisitions, files, and contracts--Office of the Allot. Ass't. (continued)

30. (OFFICIAL'S BONDS), 1831-1916. In same file box as entry 28.

Official's surety bonds, showing date, name, address, bond no., name of bondsman, amount, and date of expiration. No index.

36 x 24 x 18. Bsmt. hall.

31. (MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS), 1831-1916. In same file box as entry 28.

Miscellaneous claims for expenditures, showing date, claim no., name of claimant, nature, amount, and warrant no. No index

36 x 24 x 18. Bsmt. hall.

32. TRUSTEE'S COMMITMENT TO HOSPITAL, AND MISC(MISCELLANEOUS), 1936. 2 boxes.

Trustee's application for commitment of persons to hospital, showing date, name and address of patient, age, nature of ailment, date admitted, and itemized cost. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 24.

33. CHILDREN'S HOME AND REQUISITIONS, AND MISCELLANEOUS, 1936. 1 box.

Requisitions issued by the children's home for clothing, food, and medicine, showing date, kind, requisition no., and cost. No index.

13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

34. BURIAL RECORD OF DECEASED EX-UNION SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES, 1891--. 1 vol.

Burial record of ex-union soldiers, sailors and marines, showing date and place of death, name of deceased, date and place of birth, date of enlistment and discharge, rank, occupation, and cost of burial.

Indexed alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 448 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.

Recr. rec. rm.

For other military records, see entries 60, 160.

Acquisitions, Leas, and Contracts-Claims and Allowances (continued)

35. OLD AGE PENSION RECORD, 1934--. 2 vols.

Record of applications for old age pensions, showing date, name and address of applicant, amount, and names of relatives. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 3/4.

Aud. vt.

36. OLD AGE PENSION, 1934--. 1 box.

Old age pensions granted, showing date of application and grant, name, address, and description of applicant, age and number of children financially able to assist applicant. No index.

13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

Roads, Bridges, and Ditches

37. MISCELLANEOUS, ROADS AND BRIDGES, 1931--. 7 file boxes.

Specifications for construction of bridges, showing date, type, size, location and description, kind of material, and cost. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

38. MISCELLANEOUS, ROADS AND BRIDGES, 1931--. 7 file boxes.

Road viewer's report, showing date, name of viewer, type of road, location, kind of material, and estimated cost. No index.

13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. rec. rm.

39. ROAD RECORD, 1870-1912. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of petitions for improvement and construction of roads and highways, showing date filed, names of petitioners, road, highway, twp. and county, location and description, kind and amount of material used, name of contractor, amount of bound, and date to be completed. Indexed alph. by names of petitioners. Hdw. 500 pp.

13 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. rec. rm.

II. COUNTY COUNCIL

In 1899 the legislature created the county council. This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years and must be resident freeholders of the county. One member is elected from each of the four councilmanic districts by the voters of the district, and three members are elected by the voters of the county at large. The council elects its president from its membership, and the auditor acts as its clerk. The sheriff is required to execute the orders of the council. (1) The inception date of this board in Fayette County is 1899.

The regular annual meeting is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of September for the purposes of fixing the tax rate, of imposing the tax levy, and of making appropriations, (2) and continues from day to day until its business is completed. (3) Special meetings may be called by the auditor or a majority of the members. (4) Sessions must be public. (5) Although a majority of the council constitutes a quorum, the passage of ordinances requires a majority of all members; and extraordinary majorities are required by law in certain instances: (6) a three-fourths vote to make additional appropriations at special meetings. (8)

The power of fixing the tax rate where it is not fixed by law, is vested exclusively in the council, likewise the power of making appropriation of money to be paid out of the county treasury. (9)

The council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials, (10) as well as emergency appropriations. (11)

The council has exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds. (12) No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of \$1,000 or more is made without authorization by the council, (13)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501, 26-502, 26-509, 26-515, 26-532. | (8) Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Burns 26-521. |
| (2) Acts 1899; Burns 26-507. | (9) Acts 1899; Burns 26-515. |
| (3) Acts 1899; Burns 26-508. | (10) Acts 1899; Burns 26-620. |
| (4) Acts 1899, 1931; Burns 26-507. | (11) Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Burns 26-521. |
| (5) Acts 1899; Burns 26-508. | (12) Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 26-532. |
| (6) Acts 1899; Burns 26-411. | (13) Acts 1899; Burns 26-534. |
| (7) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520. | |

40. RECORD OF COUNTY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS, 1899--. 1 vol.
Minutes and proceedings, showing date, names of members, nature
of business transactions, and action taken. No index. 1899-Dec.
50, 1919, hdw.; Dec. 30, 1919--, typed. 575 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Aud. vt.

41. OATHS COUNTY COUNCIL, 1936. In same file box as entry 235.
Oaths administered to members of county council, showing date,
names of members, and party administering oath. No index. 10 x 4 x 3.
Aud. off.

42. COUNTY COUNCIL MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE, 1936--. 2 boxes.
Copies of notices of special meetings, showing date of meeting,
names of members, nature of business transacted, and estimates of
expenditures. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

III. CLERK

The clerk of the circuit court, commonly referred to as "county clerk", is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and not entitled to hold office for more than eight years of any twelve-year period. (1) Prior to 1851, the office of clerk functioned by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (2) The inception date of this office in Fayette County is 1819.

The clerk of the circuit court also serves, by statutory provisions, as clerk of any and all county courts and as such is required to keep a set of dockets and records for the courts. (3)

In addition to his court duties, numerous other duties are imposed upon the clerk by statute. He serves ex officio as registration officer for the county and as a member of the various county election boards. (4) In discharging his election duties he is required to keep records of all elections in the county, (5) issue certificates of election to successful candidates, (6) and act as clerk to the commissioners appointed by the circuit court to make a recount in contested elections. (7)

Other important duties of the clerk are the issuance of marriage licenses; (8) professional licenses, such as physicians', (9) dentists', (10) and optometrists'; (11) hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses; (12) business licenses, such as poultry dealers', (13) and junk dealers'; (14) and permits to carry firearms. (15) He approves the bonds of county officers, (16) and approves and files the bonds of notaries. (17) He is required to keep a nurses' register (18)

and a record of firm and partnership certificates, (19) and he also records many legal instruments.

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2; Burns 49-2701. | (9) Acts 1897; Burns 63-1802. |
| (2) Const. 1816, art. 5, sec. 2. | (10) Acts 1913; Burns 63-506. |
| (3) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2706. | (11) Acts 1907; Burns 63-1009. |
| (4) Acts 1933; Burns 29-300. | (12) Acts 1927; Burns 33-302. |
| (5) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404. | (13) Acts 1917; Burns 28-1407. |
| (6) Acts 1881; Burns 29-1501. | (14) Acts 1905; Burns 42-703. |
| (7) Acts 1881 spec. sess.; Burns 29-2103. | (15) Acts 1925; Burns 10-4721. |
| (8) Acts 1852; Burns 44-201. | (16) Acts 1852; Burns 29-105. |
| | (17) Acts 1852; Burns 49-3503. |
| | (18) Acts 1905; Burns 63-903. |
| | (19) Acts 1909; Burns 50-201. |

Elections

Voters

43. COPIES OF VOTERS' REGISTRATION RECORDS, 1934--. 36 vols.

Transcripts of voters' registration, showing date, name and address, age, place of birth, length of residence, and change of address.

Indexed alph. by names of voters. Hdw. 600 pp. 9 x 6 x 3.

6lk. vt.

44. VOTERS' REGISTRATION RECORD, 1892--. 18 vols.

Title varies: Voters' Register.

Record of voters' registration, showing date, name and address, age, place of birth, length of residence, and change of address. Arr. alph. by names of voters. Hdw. 325 pp. 17 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., Jan. 1--Dec. 31, 1892, Recr. off.; 17 vols., 1934--, 6lk. vt.

Elections--Voters (continued)

45. ABSENT VOTERS' RECORD, 1918--. 4 vols.

Record of absent voters, showing date, name, address of registration, date and address ballot was mailed, date received, name of twp., and ward no. Arr. alph. by names of voters. Hdw. 60 pp. 13 x 16 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

Candidates

46. MISCELLANEOUS ELECTION PAPERS, 1926--. 1 file box.

Petitions for nomination of delegates, showing date, name and address, affidavits, and treasurer's report. No index. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

Returns

47. RECORD OF ELECTION, 1890--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of candidates nominated and elected, showing date, name of candidate, office and twp., precinct no., number of votes from each precinct, and total votes. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

Official Bonds
(See also entries 231, 233)

County

48. RECORD OF OFFICIAL BONDS, 1881--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of bonds posted by public officials to insure further performance of duties, showing date, name of official and office, amount of bond, name of bondsman, and condition of bond. Indexed alph. by names of officials. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 1 vol.,

Official Bonds--County (continued)

1881-94, sc. bsmt. rm.; 5 vols., 1894--1, clk. vt.

49. OFFICIAL BOND INDEX RECORD, 1881-1915. 1 vol.

Index to entry 48, showing names of official and bondsman, nature of bond, conditions of bond, and book and page nos. in bond record.

Arr. alph. by names of officials. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Clk. rec. rm.

Township

50. RECORD OF JUSTICE'S AND CONSTABLE'S BONDS, 1870--. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted to insure faithful performance of duties, showing date, name, no., conditions and amount of bond, and names of witnesses and sureties. Indexed alph. by names of officials. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

Miscellaneous

51. MISCELLANEOUS BONDS, 1896--. 1 file box.

Miscellaneous bonds, showing date, name of person posting bond, amount of bond, and date of approval. No index. Condition fair. 14 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

52. NOTARY BOND RECORD, 1929--. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted by notaries public to insure performance of duties, showing date, names of applicant and surety, and names of witnesses. Indexed. alph. by names of applicant. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. vt.

Licenses

Marriage

53. APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1819--. 20 vols.

(A-F, 1-5, 1-9).

Record of applications for marriage licenses, showing date, name and address of bride and groom, description of applicant, age, place of birth, name of parent and county, address, and name of witnesses. Indexed alph. by names of grooms. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

54. MARRIAGE LICENSE RETURNS, 1881--. 12 file boxes.

Marriage license returns, showing date filed and returned, names of bride and bridegroom, description and names of party performing ceremony, and signature of clerk. No index. Condition fair.

14 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.Professional

55. PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE RECORD, 1897--. 1 vol.

Record of physician's licenses, showing date, name, and address, age, place of birth, qualifications, from what college graduated, and signature of clerk. No index. 150 pp. 18 x 13 x 1. Clk. vt.

Licenses--Professional (continued)

56. PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE, 1885--. 2 vols. Title varies:
1 vol., 1885-1912, Physician's Certificate.

Transcripts of physician's certificates for license to practice medicine and surgery, showing date, name and address of applicant, age, place of birth, name of college, and date of diploma.

Indexed alph. by names of physicians. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2.
1 vol., 1885-1912, see. bsmt. stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1912--, clk. vt.

57. REGISTER OF PHYSICIAN AND ACCOUCHEURS, 1881--. 1 vol.

Record of physicians and accoucheurs, showing date registered, name and address, and location of business. Arr. alph. by names of physicians and accoucheurs. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

58. DENTIST'S LICENSE, 1891--. 1 vol.

Record of applications and licenses to practice dentistry, showing date, name, and address of applicant, name of college, years of training, and location of business. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 100 pp. 22 x 12 x 1. Clk. vt.

Business

59. JUNK DEALER LICENSE, 1905--. 2 vols.

Record of applications and licenses to buy and sell junk, showing date, name of applicant, and location of business. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 200 pp. 17 x 12 x 1. Clk. rec. rm.

Licenses--Business (continued)

60. POULTRY DEALER'S LICENSE, 1917--. 1 vol.

Record of applications and licenses to buy and sell poultry, showing date, name of applicant, and location of business. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. Clk. rec. rm.

Certificates

61. FIRM AND PARTNERSHIP AND NAMES OF BUSINESS, 1910--.

1 file box.

Record of firms and partnerships, showing date, names of persons or and person, nature and location of business. No index. 14 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

62. RECORD OF CERTIFICATE OF PARTNERSHIP, 1909--. 1 vol.

Record of certificates of partnerships, showing date, names and addresses of parties, and name, nature, and location of business. Indexed alph. by names of businesses. Hdw. 320 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk, rec, rm.

63. INSURANCE CERTIFICATE, 1877--. 1 vol.

Record of insurance certificates on public buildings, showing date, name and description of property, amount, time of expiration, and name of company. Indexed alph. by names of insurance companies. Typed. 225 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Clk. vt.

64. PATENT RIGHTS, SUPREME COURT, 1830--. 2 file boxes.

Documents of patent rights, and claims and options, showing date,

Certificates (continued)

and inventor, address, length of time, nature of claim, and kind of option. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

65. POWER OF ATTORNEY, 1886--. 1 file box.

Transcripts of agreements authorizing one person to act for another in the power of attorney, showing date, names and addresses of parties, and description of agreement. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

66. PERMIT TO CARRY FIREARMS, 1932--. 3 vols.

Record of permits to carry firearms, showing date, name, address, and description of party, purpose and description of firearm, and signatures of sheriff and judge. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 8 x 3 x 1. Clk. rec. rm.

Registers

67. REGISTER OF TRAINED NURSES, 1905--. 1 vol.

Register of trained nurses, showing date, name, address, and qualifications. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 15 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

68. SOLDIERS, SAILORS, MARINES AND NATIONAL GUARDS, 1918--.

1 file box.

Registration of soldiers, sailors, marines, and national guards, showing date, name and address, age, color, nature of service, and registration no. No index. 14 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

For other military records, see entries 34, 160.

Registers (continued)

69. RECORD OF ESTRAY (Live Stock), 1861-92. 1 vol.

Record of estrayed live stock, showing date, name of owner, and of appraiser, description of animal, amount of damage, and appraised value. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Sc. bsmt. stg. rm.

Receipts and Disbursements

70. CLERK'S DAILY BALANCE AND CASH STATEMENT, 1918--.

2 vols. (1 and 1). 1927-35, missing.

Record of daily cash balance statements, showing date, amount brought forward each day, day's receipts and disbursements, total balance at close of day, and name of depository. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 10 x 10 x 2. 1 vol., 1918-27, sc. bsmt. stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1936--, Clk. off.

Fee and Cash Books

71. CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1875--, 9 vols. (1-4, and 5 vols. not numbered). Title varies: 5 vols., 1875-1914, Clerk's Cash Book.

Record of cash received in court cases for all causes, showing date, name of payer, case no., amount received, purpose, receipt no., and total amount. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 10 x 2. 5 vols., 1875-1914, sc. bsmt. stg. rm.; 4 vols., 1918--, Clk. wt.

Fee and Cash Books (continued)

72. CLERK'S CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS, 1901-24. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of cash received, showing date, name of payee, account, purpose, and total amount. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 19 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 73.

73. CASH BOOK RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1894--. 5 vols.

(1,1-3, and 1 vol. not numbered). Title Varies: 1 vol., 1894-1911, Clerk's Cash Book; 1 vol. (1), 1911-24, Cash Book Disbursements.

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing date, amount brought forward each day, names of payer and payee, amount received, and disbursed, purpose, and quarterly total. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. vt.

74. REGISTER OF CLERK'S COST, 1894-1907. 1 vol.

Record of cost in all court cases, showing date, from what source collected, nature and description of cost, amount, cause no., and monthly total. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 71.

IV. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The prosecuting attorney is a constitutional officer, elected in each judicial circuit for a term of two years. (1) He is required to post bond to be approved by the judge of the circuit court and filed with the clerk. (2)

The office of prosecuting attorney was created by a legislative act in 1831. A prosecuting attorney for each judicial circuit was chosen by a joint ballot of the senate and house of representatives. (3) The inception date of this office in Fayette County is 1831.

It is the duty of the prosecuting attorney to inquire into the commission of any felony or misdemeanor received on information. (4) He conducts all prosecutions for felonies and misdemeanors in Fayette County, all suits on forfeited recognizances, resists applications for changing names, protects interests of all persons of unsound mind, superintends on behalf of the county any of its trust funds, and defends all suits in which the same may be interested. (5)

The prosecuting attorney may take acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments in writing, administer oaths, protest notes and checks, take depositions and witness, and perform any duty now conferred on a notary public. (6)

- (1) Const., art. 7, sec. 11; 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2501.
- (2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2502.
- (3) Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 10, sec. 1.
- (4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2503.
- (5) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2504.
- (6) Acts 1919; Burns 49-2507.

No records could be found.

V. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court was created by the Constitution of 1816, and re-adopted by the Constitution of 1851. (1) The judge of the circuit court is elected by the people of the circuit and serves for a term of six years. (2) The inception date of this office in Fayette County is 1819, the organization date of the county. The seventy-third circuit comprises Fayette County.

The court has general local jurisdiction of law, equity, and criminal cases, and actions for divorce. It has original jurisdiction of the settlement of decedent's estates and guardianships and all other causes, matters, and proceedings. It has such appellate jurisdiction as may be conferred by law. (3)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Const., art. 7, sec. 1.
(2) Const., art. 7, sec. 9.

(3) Acts 1881; Burns 4-303.

Change of Venue
(See also entry 185)

75. CLERK'S VENUE RECORD, 1890--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of court cases venued, showing name of person, date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and court, date of trial, to what county venued, nature and no. of case, term of court, names of jurors, proceedings, number of days served and miles traveled, and disposition of case. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Clk. vt.

Civil and Criminal Causes

76. CIVIL RECORDS, 1819--. 215 file boxes (1-215).

Record of civil cases tried and settled in circuit court, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of settlement, case no., and final disposition. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

77. CRIMINALS, COMING TO TRIAL, 1931--. 5 file boxes.

Record of criminal cases tried in circuit court, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney, case no., nature of crime, names of jurors and witnesses, term of sentence, and disposition of case. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

78. TRANSCRIPTS, 1855--. 1 file box.

Transcripts of writs issued to sheriff, showing kind of writ, and action taken. No index. 14 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

79. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1853--. 3 vols. (1, 4-5). Vols.

2-3, 1876-97, 1901-16, missing.

Record of indictments, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, cause and description of indictment, case no., court proceedings, and disposition of case. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 2 vols., 1853-1901, bsmth., north wall; 1 vol., 1916--, clk. vt.

80. AFFIDAVIT RECORD, 1900-1932. 5 vols.

Record of affidavits filed against defendants in state cases, showing date, warrant no., name of defendant, nature of crime, cause no., and disposition of case. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Clk. vt.

For subsequent record, see entry 92.

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81. INSANE RECORD, 1894--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of application for commitment to asylum, showing date, name and address of patient, age, sex, color, date and place of birth, family history, duration of insanity, statements of medical examiner and attending physician, warrant for arrest, order of admission, superintendent's receipts, and sheriff's returns. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. vt.

82. INSANITY AND HOSPITAL, 1894-1927. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of application for commitment to insane hospital, showing date of application, names of patient, medical examiner, and attending physician, warrant for arrest, order of admission, superintendent's receipts, and sheriff's return. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

For subsequent record, see entry 83.

83. INSANITY AND HOSPITAL, 1884--. 7 file boxes.

Record of application of commitment to insane hospital, showing dates of application and admittance, names of medical examiner and attending physician, color, warrant for arrest, order of arrest, order of admission, superintendent's receipts, and sheriff's returns. No index. 14 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

84. DECLARATION OF INTENTION, 1858-1902. 1 vol.

Record of declaration of intention to become a citizen of U. S., showing date, name of alien and native country, age, nationality, names of parents, and length of residence in U. S. Indexed alph. by names of aliens. Hdw. 200 pp. 15 x 10 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

Civil and Criminal Causes (continued)

85. PETITION AND RECORD OF NATURALIZATION PAPERS, 1908--.

3 vols. Title varies: 1 vol., 1908-26, Papers of Intention; 1 vol., 1908-26, Petitions.

Record of petitions and applications of intention, and final papers, showing date, name of alien, age and place of birth, description, name of native country, names of parents, date and name of place of arrival into U. S. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 2 vols., 1908-26, condition poor. 285 pp. 17 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

Court Proceedings
(See also entries 134-155).

86. ENTRY AND ISSUE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1912--. 22 vols.

(1-22).

Record of court proceedings and fees, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, summons and subpoenas, cause no., kind of action, trial fees, total fees, and disposition of case. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{3}{4}$. Clk. vt.

For prior record, see entry 131.

87. ENTRY DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1878-1911. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of entry of circuit court cases, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, case no., and kind of action. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Se. stg. mm.

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88. ISSUE DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1847-1912. 20 vols.

(1-15, 2 vols. 3, and 4 vols. not numbered).

Record of civil and criminal cases tried in circuit court, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, cause no., proceedings, fees involved, and disposition of case. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Se. stg. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 86.

89. CRIMINAL, ENTRY DOCKET, 1896--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Title varies: 1 vol. (1), 1896-1911, State Entry Docket.

Record of disposed of state cases, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, no., kind of action, proceedings, and decree of court. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For records dated 1911-34, see entry 92.

90. COURT DOCKET, CIRCUIT, 1841-1928. 22 vols. (1-15, and 7 vols. not numbered).

Record of disposed of court cases, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, case no., kind of action, proceedings, total amount of fees, and disposition of case. 1 vol., 1845-54, arr. chron.; 21 vols., no index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Se. stg. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 86.

91. BAR DOCKET, 1879-1911. 5 vols. (4, 10, 12-14). Vols.

1-3, prior to 1879; vols. 5-9, 1882-96; vol. 11, 1898-1901, missing.

Record of circuit court proceedings, showing date, names of plaintiff,

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defendant, and attorneys, case no., kind of action, proceedings, total fees, docket of court, and sheriff's return. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 x 11 x 2. Se. stg. rm.

For subsequent record, see entry 92.

92. CIVIL ORDER BOOK, 1819--. 61 vols. (A-I, 1-52).

Record of civil and criminal court proceedings, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, case no., kind of action, proceedings, and nature of settlement. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1819-96, hdw.; 1897--, typed. 1849-1925, condition fair. 600 pp. 13 x 3 x 3. Clk. vt.

93. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1833--. 8 vols. (1-7, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of judgment rendered by circuit court, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, case no., kind of action, proceedings, amount of judgment or sentence given, and place to serve. No index. 1833-Oct. 24, 1893, hdw.; Oct. 24, 1893--, typed. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. 1 vol., 1833-June 12, 1875, se. bsmt. stg. rm.; 7 vols., June 12, 1875--, clk. vt.

94. CIVIL COMPLETE RECORD, 1819-1914. 16 vols. (A-I, 6-12).

Record of all civil cases tried in circuit court, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, kind of actions, proceedings, and amount and nature of settlement. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1819-96, hdw.; 1897-1914, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 14 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

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Executions

(See also entries 167-168)

95. PRECIPICE BOOK, 1929--. 1 vol. (2). Vol. 1, prior to 1929, missing.

Record of orders for execution of judgments, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, cause no., order book and page, cause of action, and proceedings. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 200 pp. 20 x 14 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

96. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1823--. 6 vols. (F-K).

Record of executions of court orders, showing date issued, name of judgment debtor, amount, and date of return. No index. 1823-Aug. 4, 1894, hdw.; Aug. 4, 1894--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

97. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1887-1910. 1 vol.

Record of sheriff's notices of liens and attachments on real and personal property to satisfy debt, showing date, names of owner, plaintiff and defendant, description and location of property, and amount of debt. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

98. LIS PENDENS, (Complaints), 1877--. 1 vol.

Record of complaints filed in court in which real property is subject to execution, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and their attorneys, and location, description, and valuation of real estate. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

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99. LIS PENDENS RECORD, (Certificate of Sale), 1881--.

1 vol. (3).

Record of certificates of sale of real estate by court order, showing date, names of owner and purchaser, location and description of real estate, and amount of sale. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

100. EXECUTIONS OF SALE OF PROPERTY, 1872--. 12 file boxes.

Court orders for execution of sale of property to satisfy debts, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and their attorneys, amount of interest and principal, date interest due, and date paid. No index. Condition fair. 14 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

101. REGISTER OF FOREIGN WRITS, 1909--. 2 vols. (2-3).

Vol. 1, prior to 1909, missing.

Register of executions of foreign units, showing case no., names of plaintiff, defendant, and county, case no., and itemized statement of sheriff's fees. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

102. SUMMONS, 1934--. 1 filebox.

Summons papers, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, and witnesses, case no., cause, and date of trial. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

103. SUPPORT DOCKET, 1915--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of support money paid to court for care of dependents, showing date, names and addresses of dependent and payer, age, amount, and date

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of payment. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 1 vol., 1015-20, condition poor. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

Probate Causes
(See also entry 156)

104. PROBATE COURT ACCORD, 1815--. 215 file boxes. (1-215).

Final settlements of estates, showing date of will, names of deceased, executors, attorneys, and heirs, location, description, and valuation of property, court proceedings, amount received by each heir, and nature of settlement. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

105. GUARDIAN, 1898--. 12 file boxes.

Papers pertaining to bidder's bonds, resale of real estate, guardian's bond and oath, petition for authority to borrow money, and petition for sale of real estate, showing date, names of bidder, guardian, and petitioner, amount of bond, names of sureties, oath, location, description, and valuation of estate, amount of resale, name of party requesting authority for loan, and names of petitioners for sale of estate. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

106. CLAIMS, 1897--. 3 boxes.

Claims filed against personal property or real estate of deceased persons by creditors, showing date filed, names of deceased and creditors, location, description, and valuation of real estate, amount, court proceedings, and date settled. No index. 14 x 16 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

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107. WILL RECORD, 1810--. 10 vols. (A-I; 2 vols. labeled A).. Record of last will and statement of deceased persons, showing date, names of deceased, heirs, executor, and attorney, location, description and valuation of estate, amount bequeathed each heir, and codicils. Indexed alph. by names of deceased. 1819-98, hdw.; 1809 --, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 15 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

108. RECORD OF WILLS AND ORDERS OF COURT, 1836--. 1 vol. Record of wills, showing date, names of testator, executor, attorneys, and heirs, file no., location, description and valuation of real or personal property, court proceedings, amount received by each heir, and final settlement of estate. Indexed alph. by names of testators. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recd. rec. rm.

109. LAST WILL AND STATEMENT, 1865--. 8 file boxes. Last will and statement of deceased, showing date, names of deceased, administrator, attorneys and heirs, location, description, and valuation of estate, amount bequeathed each heir, and codicils. No index. 14 x 15 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

110. ADMINISTRATOR'S BONDS, 1852--. 5 vols. (1-5). Record of bonds posted to qualify as administrators of estates, showing date, names and addresses of administrator and surety, no., amount, and conditions of bond, date of approval, and name of estate. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 17 x 13 x 3. Clk. vt.

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111. EXECUTOR'S BOND, OATH, AND LETTERS, 1852--. 3 vols.

(1, 3-4). Vol. 2, 1882-94, missing.

Record of executor's bonds, oath, and letters, showing date, names and addresses of executor and surety, no., amount, and conditions of bond, oath, and letters of administration. Indexed alph. by names of executors. Hdw. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

112. GUARDIAN'S BOND RECORD, 1853--. 5 vols. (1-4, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of bonds posted by guardians to qualify as administrators of estates, showing date, names and addresses of guardians, wards, an and surety, amount, no., and conditions of bond, and date of approval. Indexed alph. by names of wards. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

113. ADMINISTRATOR'S, EXECUTOR'S, AND GUARDIAN'S BOND TO SELL REAL ESTATE, 1853--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of administrator's, executor's, and guardian's bonds to sell real estate, showing date, names of estate, guardian, executor, or administrator, and surety, and amount and condition of bond. Indexed alph. by names of principals. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

114. INVENTORY RECORD, 1852--. 12 vols. (1-12).

Record of inventories of personal estates, showing date, names of estate and appraiser, itemized list of estate, appraised value, and amount of debts. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 10 vols., 1852-Jan. 3, 1926, se. bsmt. stg. rm.; 2 vols., Jan. 3, 1926--, clk. rec. rm.

Probate Causes (continued)

115. INVENTORY RECORD, 1870--. 1 file box.

Record of inventory of property in settlement of estates, showing name of deceased, description and appraised value of property, and amount of debts. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

116. PARTITION RECORD, 1853--. 7 vols. (1-7).

Record of petition for partitions, showing date, names of estate and petitioners, and description and division of estate. Indexed alph. by names of petitioners. 1853-99, hdw.; 1900--, typed.

550 pp. 13 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

117. RECORD OF ASSIGNMENT, 1862-84. 1 vol.

Record of assignment of property to satisfy creditors, showing date, names of business, owner, and creditors, property sold, and value. Indexed alph. by names of businesses. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

118. RECORD OF SALES BILLS, 1848--. 5 vols. (3-7).

Record of sale of personal property of an estate, showing inventory no., description of articles unsold, description of articles sold, appraised value of articles unsold, appraised value of articles sold, amount of cash paid, and names of purchaser, estate, and sureties on notes. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 13 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 vols., 1848-1918, se. bsmt. stg. rm.; 2 vols., 1918--, clk. vt.

119. SALE BILL, 1866-1934. 5 boxes.

Sale bills of personal property, showing date, inventory no., description of articles, amount sold for, and names of purchaser and estate. No index. 14 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

Probate Causes (continued)

120. SALE BILL RECORD, 1870--. 1 file box.

Lists of articles to be sold at auction by administrator or executor of estate, showing date, names of estate, executor, or administrator, and an itemized list of articles to be sold. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

121. INHERITANCE AND TRANSFER TAX RECORD, 1913-17. 1 vol.

Record of inheritance and transfer tax, showing date, names of deceased, relatives and heirs; value of inheritance or transfer, amount of exemption, and amount of tax. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 150 pp. 22 x 16 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

Proceedings in Probate Court

(See also entry 157)

122. GENERAL ENTRY CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET, 1881--.

11 vols. (1-3, 1-8).

Record of claims and allowances on estate cases, showing date, amount and nature of claim, and names of administrator, surety, claimants and payee. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

123. ENTRY DOCKET, 1874-1900. 1 vol.

Record of estate cases tried in common pleas court, showing date, cause no., nature of action, names of plaintiff, defendant, and their attorneys. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 5. Bsmt. stg. rm.

Probate Causes--Proceedings in Probate Court (continued)

124. GUARDIAN'S APPEARANCE DOCKET, 1881-1915. 1 vol.

Guardian's appearance docket, showing date, names of deceased, guardians, minor heirs, and sureties; amount of bond, and book and page nos. Indexed alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

125. WITNESS DOCKET, 1892. 1 vol.

Court witness docket, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses in cases tried, costs, and days of service. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 150 pp. 18 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Bsmt., se. stg. rm.

126. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, 1819--. 44 vols. (1-40; A-C; B1).

Record of probate orders, showing dates, names of parties involved, register no., amount of order, final settlement, and name of testator. Arr. alph. by names of testators. 1819-Oct. 13, 1925, hdw.; Oct. 13, 1925--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

127. PROBATE COMPLETE RECORD, 1819-1914. 24 vols. (A-G; G 1; 1-4; 4, 5, 7-16). Vol. G, 1870-73, missing.

Record of probate causes, showing dates, names of parties concerned and estate, cause, cause no., proceedings of court, description, kind of action, and date registered. Indexed alph. by names of estates. 1819-May 23, 1898, hdw.; May 23, 1898-1914, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3.

Juvenile Causes

Proceedings In Juvenile Causes

128. JUVENILE COURT OF FAYETTE COUNTY, (Order Book), 1907--.

1 vol.

Record of proceedings of juvenile court, showing date, name of child, persons in court, juvenile defendant, and judgment passed.

Indexed alph. by names of juvenile defendants. Hdw. 600 pp.

18 x 15 x 3. Clk. off.

129. JUVENILE COURT, 1950--. 1 file box.

Record of all juvenile court cases, showing nature of cause, court action, dates, names of children involved, and of parents or guardians. No index. 14 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. vt.

Fee and Cash Records

130. REGISTER OF FEES AND FUNDS HELD IN TRUST, 1900--.

2 vols. (1-2).

Register of fees and funds held in trust, showing dates, names of plaintiff, defendant, and payee, and amount disbursed. Arr. alph. by names of trusts. Hdw. 500 pp. 13 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

131. FEE BOOK, 1858-1912. 10 vols. (4-11, 3, 3,). Vols.

1-2, prior to 1858, missing.

Record of fees collected by clerk in cases tried in circuit court, showing date, cause, amounts of plaintiff and defendant fees, total of all fees, and dates collected. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs.

Fee and Cash Records(continued)

Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., bst., sc. stz. rm.; 8 vols., 1877-1912, clk. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 86.

132. REGISTER OF FEES, 1875-93. 1 vol.

Record of fees in circuit court causes, showing names, cause and entry no., amount and date paid, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by names of causes. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Bmt., sc. stz. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 86.

133. JUROR'S REGISTER AND FINE BOOK, 1916-22. 1 vol.

Record of time served by grand and petit jurors for each quarter, showing dates, names of jurors, number of miles traveled and days served, and total fees. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 14 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

VI. COMMON PLEAS COURT

The common pleas court was established by an act of 1852, effective in Fayette County in 1853. The judge was elected for a term of four years. (1)

The court had jurisdiction in matters relating to probate of wills; appointment of guardians for persons of unsound mind and other disabilities; in matters relating to executors and administrators; (2) in civil matters ranging from fifty to one thousand dollars, except in cases of slander, libel, breach of marriage contract, and an action on an official bond, or where the title of real estate was in issue; (3) and criminal jurisdiction in cases which were not felonies, except those triable by the justice of the peace. (4)

At the time of the creation of this court, cases pending which came under the new jurisdiction, were transferred from the circuit court to the common pleas court. Because of the inadequacies of this court, it was abolished in 1873 and the jurisdiction was transferred to the circuit court. Pending cases continued to be entered in common pleas records until completion of the suits. (3)

All the records are located in the courthouse, and are, with other records, in the custody of the clerk of the circuit court.

(1) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1,
ch. 8, sec. 1.

(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1.
ch. 8, sec. 14.

(2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1,
ch. 8, sec. 4.

(5) Acts 1873, ch. 29, sec. 80.

(3) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1,
ch. 8, sec. 11.

Civil and Criminal Causes

Proceedings in Civil and Criminal Causes
(See also entries 86-94)

134. COURT DOCKET OF COMMON PLEAS, 1854-72. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of cases tried in court, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, case no., proceedings and disposition of case. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

135. ISSUE DOCKET, COMMON PLEAS, 1853-70. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of papers, subpoenas, and summons issued in cases tried in court, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; sheriff's return, date, and amount of fees. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

Probate Causes
(See also entries 104-121).

136. COMMON PLEAS, 1848-51. 21 file boxes (1-21).

Probate court proceedings, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of order filed, and nature of settlement. Arr. chron. 14 x 4 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

Proceedings in Probate Causes
(See also entries 122-127)

137. APPEARANCE DOCKET, COMMON PLEAS, 1850-81. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of claims against estates, showing date, names of estates, administrator, and claimant; case no., amount of claim, and disposition. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

Fees

138. FEE BOOK, COMMON PLEAS, 1845-78. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of court fees, showing date, name of payee, kind of fees, amount, and total. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 9 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

VII. RECORDER

The recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a term of four years and is required to post bond. (1) No person is eligible to hold the office of recorder for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (2) The inception date of this office in Fayette County is 1819, the organization date of the county.

The title of this officer describes his functions: To make and preserve a public record of legal documents for officials and private persons as required by law. Of the many kinds of instruments recorded the more important are: Deeds, mortgages, and apprentices' indentures, (3) satisfactions, cancelations, and assignments of any kind, (4) releases, (5) mechanics' liens, (6) and leases. (7)

The recorder is also required to keep a record of articles of incorporation filed in his office, (8) and certificates of admission for foreign corporations to do business in Indiana. (9) There are also on file in the office of the recorder, records of cemetery deeds, (10) cemetery associations, (11) farm names, (12) and chattel mortgages. (13)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1801; (8) Acts 1929; Burns 25-219.
Burns 49-3201. (9) Acts 1929; Burns 25-305.
(2) Connt., art. 6, sec. 2. (10) Acts 1925; Burns 21-223.
(3) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns (11) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-3210. 25-1520.
(4) Acts 1905; Burns 49-3203. (12) Acts 1913; Burns 49-3236.
(5) Acts 1881 spe. sess.; Burns (13) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1807;
2-2519. Burns 53-301.
(6) Acts 1909; Burns 43-703.
(7) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1875,
1913, 1921, 1923; Burns 56-119.

Deeds, Titles, and Grants

139. DEED RECORD LANDS, 1819--. 43 vols. (A-H, J-Z, 1-18).

Record of land deeds, showing kind of deed, location of land, date recorded, and names of grantor and grantee. Arr. alph. by names of grantors and grantees. 1819-Jan. 26, 1906, hdw.; Jan. 26, 1906--, typcd. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$. Recr. off.

140. GENERAL INDEX DEEDS, 1816--. 18 vols. (1-10, 1-2, 5-10).

General index of deeds, showing date recorded, names of grantor and grantee, location and size of land, amount of consideration, and vol. and page no. of deed record. Arr. alph. by names of grantors and grantees. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$. Recr. rec. vt.

141. DEEDS, 1926--. 26 file drawers (A-Z).

Original deeds, showing date, description and amount of land, and names of grantees and grantors. No index. 10 x 4 x 13. Recr. rec. vt.

142. COUNTY CEMETERIES, 1917--. 1 vol.

Record of purchase of cemetery lots, showing description of lot, purchase price, names of cemetery and purchaser, and date.

Arr. alph. by names of purchasers. Hdw. 580 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$. Recr. off.

For prior records, see entry 139.

143. DEED RECORDS OF TOWN LOTS, 1857--. 23 vols. (1-23).

Record of deeds of town lots, showing date, kind of deed, names of grantor and grantee, and book and page no. of entry book. Arr. alph. by names of grantor and grantee. 1857-1ch. 29, 1911, hdw.; 1ch. 29, 1911--, typcd. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$. Recr. off.

For prior records, see entry 139.

144. DEED RECORD PARTITION, 1881-. 1 vol.

Record of real estate division, showing date, names of commissioners, owner, and petitionors; location and description of real estate, and how partitioned. Arr. alph. by names of petitionors. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$. Recr. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 139.

145. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1908-31. 1 vol.

Record of deeds on which title has been quieted by court order, showing date, description and location of land, names of heirs, and transcript of court order. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$. Recr. off.

146. TAX TITLE CERTIFICATE, 1916--. 1 file box.

Certificates of sale of real estate for taxes, showing names of owner and purchaser, date, amount of sale, and description and location of real estate. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 144; for sales record, see entry 220.

Mortgages and Releases

Real Estate

147. REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE RECORD, 1847--. 51 vols.

(A-H, J-Z, 1-26).

Record of real estate mortgages, showing date, amount of mortgage, description and location of land, and names of mortgagor and mortgagees. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. 1847-1909, hdw.; 1910--, typod. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$. Recr. off.

For prior records, see entry 139.

148. GENERAL INDEX OF MORTGAGES, 1819--. 22 vols.

(1-13, 5-13).

General index to mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, kind of mortgage, date, amount, location and description of property, and book and page no. of mortgage record. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 600 pp.

18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

149. REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE ORIGINAL INSTRUMENTS, 1926--.

26 file boxes (A-Z).

Original instruments of real estate mortgages, showing date, amount of mortgage, description of real estate, and names of mortgagees and mortgagors. No index. 10 x 4 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

Chattels

150. CHATTEL MORTGAGE MINUTE BOOK, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of chattel mortgages, showing date, description of chattels, amount of mortgage, and names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entries 147 and 149.

151. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1874-1935. 24 vols. (1-24).

Record of personal property mortgages, showing date, amount of mortgage, description of chattels, and names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees.

1874-Apr. 1, 1909, hdw.; Apr. 1, 1904-35, typed. 550 pp.

18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

For prior records, see entry 147; for subsequent records, see entry 150.

152. INDEX OF CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1922--. 4 vols. (1-2, 1-2).

Index to chattel mortgages, showing names of mortgagee and mortgagor, date recordod, amount of mortgage, date satisfied, and book and page nos. of chattel mortgage record. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$. Recr. off.

For prior records, see entry 151.

153. CHATTEL MORTGAGE ORIGINAL INSTRUMENTS, 1926--. 50 file boxes.

Original instruments of chattel mortgages, showing date, amount of mortgage, description of chattels, and names of mortgagee and mortgagor. No index. 10 x 4 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

School Funds
(sec also entries 223-230)

154. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE RECORD, 1854--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of school fund mortgages, showing date, amount of mortgage, description of property, and names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagees. 1854-Mch. 2, 1912, hdw.; Mch. 2, 1912--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$. Recr. off.

For prior records, see entry 147.

Liens

155. MECHANIC LIEN RECORD, 1854-84. 1 vol.

Record of mechanic's liens, showing date, names of property owner and lien holder, amount of lien, and description of property involved. Arr. alph. by names of property owners. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Recr. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 162.

156. SIRE'S LIEN RECORD, 1890-1905. 1 vol.

Record of liens for sire's services, showing date, names of owner of sire and dam, and amount of lien. Arr. alph. by names of owners of sires. Hdw. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

Registers of Legal Instruments

157. ENTRY BOOK, 1829--. 12 vols. (4-10, and 5 vols. not numbered).

Record of instruments for recording, showing date, kind of instrument, book no. and page no., where recorded, and amount of fees. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Recr. vt.

158. REGISTER FARM NAMES, 1913-27. 1 vol.

Record of farm names, showing date, names of owner and farm, and general description of farm. No index. Hdw. 480 pp. 8 x 13 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

159. ARTICLES OF CORPORATION, 1898-1901. 1 vol.

Record of corporations, showing date, purpose of forming corporations, value of capital stock, and names of corporation and members. Arr. alph. by names of corporations. Hdw. 320 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

160. ENROLLMENT OF SOLDIERS, 1834-94. 20 vols.

Record of soldiers and their dependents, showing date, name and birthplace of soldier and dependents, and soldier's rank and military record. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 18 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Sc. bcnt. stg. rm.

For other military record, see entry 34, 67.

161. RECORD OF INDENTURE, 1832-87. 1 vol.

Record of indenture of apprentices, showing date, name of apprentice, and terms of indenture. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

Miscellaneous Records

162. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1857--. 11 vols. (1-11).

Record of miscellaneous documents, showing date, document type and details of document, and names of parties concerned. Arr. alph. by names of parties. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Recr. vt.

Fee and Cash Books

163. RECORDER'S FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1896--. 7 vols. (1-6,

and 1 vol. not numbered). Title varies: Recorder's Register of Fees.

Record of fees and cash collected, showing date, no. of instrument, name of payer, amount, and monthly total. No index. Hdw. 322 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

Maps and Plats

164. TRACT BOOK, 1811--. 1 vol.

Record of lands purchased from government, showing description, location, and size of land; date of sale, and name of purchaser. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 18 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

165. PLAT RECORD, 1864--. 3 vols. (1-3). Title varies:

Town Plat Record.

Record of plats of Connorsville, showing location, size and names or numbers of subdivisions, and lots and streets. Arr. alph. by names of subdivisions. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 24 x 2. Recr. off.

166. FAYETTE COUNTY, INDIANA, 1896. 1 map.

Black and white political map of Fayette County, showing twps., villages, roads, highways, postoffices, and names of farms.

Published at Indianapolis, Ind., by National Map Co. Printed.

Scale, 1 in. to 500 ft. 36 x 53. Recr. rec. rm.

VIII. SHERIFF

The sheriff is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years. He must give a bond to insure faithful performance of his duties, and is required to take the usual oath of office. (1) No person is eligible to hold the office of sheriff for more than four years in any period of six years. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of sheriff functioned by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in Fayette County is 1819, the organization date of the county.

The sheriff is the conservator of peace within Fayette County. He may arrest without process all persons, who within his view commit any crime or misdemeanor, and hold them in custody during investigation of the cause of such arrest. He is required to suppress all breaches of the peace and has authority to call to his aid the power of the county; pursue and commit to jail all felons; maintain and preserve order in the courts of the county except justices of the peace courts. He also maintains the jail and takes care of the prisoners confined in it. (4) It is his duty to protect persons in danger of possible lynchings. (5) He makes arrests of all persons on indictments, warrants, affidavits, and upon information received from the prosecutor or the court, and commits them to jail. (6)

As a court officer of Fayette County he is required to make service of all process. (7) He sells mortgaged property on foreclosure proceedings; (8) executes deeds to real estate sold on

executions; (9) conveys persons committed to state charitable, correctional, or penal institutions; (10) and attends sessions of the county council (11) and the county commissioners, (12) and executes their orders.

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2601. | (8) Acts 1881 spc. sess.; Burns 3-1619. |
| (2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2. | (9) Acts 1881 spc. sess.; Burns 2-4101. |
| (3) Const., 1816, art. 4, sec. 25. | (10) Acts 1905; Burns 9-2232. |
| (4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2802. | (11) Acts 1899; Burns 26-510. |
| (5) Acts 1905; Burns 10-3310. | (12) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611. |
| (6) Acts 1905; Burns 9-1001. | |
| (7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2803. | |

Executions and Reports
(See also entries 95-103)

167. SHERIFF DOCKET, 1867--. 5 vols. 1892-1931, missing.

Record of court cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and witness; nature of writ, date of service, amount of fees, and remarks. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 6¹/₂. 4 vols., 1867-92, se. bsmt. stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1932--, shf. off.

168. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1932--. 1 vol.

Record of writs served by sheriff, showing date of issuance, names of plaintiffs and defendants, kind of writ, and amount of costs. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Shf. off.

169. JURORS' REGISTER AND TIME BOOK, 1922--. 1 vol. (2).

Record of grand and petty juries' expense, showing date, names of

judge and sheriff, days jurors served, mileage of jurors, and amount of jury expense. Arr. chron. Hdw. 202 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Shf. off.

170. JAIL REGISTER, 1931--. 1 vol.

Record of persons held in jail, showing date committed and discharged, names and addresses of prisoners and surety, charge preferred, amount of bail, total days sentenced, cost of board, and total cost. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 10 x 2. Shf. off.

171. SUMMARY OF MESSAGES, 1935--. 1 file drawer.

Collection of radio messages broadcast by state police, showing date, and particulars of message. No index. 12 x 5 x 24. Shf. off.

172. AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT REPORT, 1931--. 1 vol.

Record of accidents, showing date, names and addresses of persons involved, and date pertaining to accidents. No index. 3 x 7 x 12. Shf. off.

Fee and Cash Books

173. SHERIFF'S CASH BOOK, 1893--. 4 vols. (1-2, 1-2).

Record of cash received and disbursed, showing date, cause no., names of court and payer or payee, amount, and cause of transaction. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 2 vols., 1893-May 1, 1918, sc. bsmt. stg. rm., May 1, 1918--, shf. off.

174. SHERIFF'S FEE BOOK, 1892--. 13 vols. (1-12, 3).

Record of fees for court service, showing date, cause, kind of service, amount of fees and costs, and names of plaintiff and defendant. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 360 pp. 18 x 13 x 2¹₂. 9 vols., 1892-Apr. 18, 1929, sc. bsmt. stg. rm.; 4 vols., Apr. 18, 1929--, shf. off.

175. REGISTER OF FOREIGN FEES, 1927--. 2 vols.

Record of fees for services on cases in other counties, showing date, name of county, kind of service, and amount of fee. Indexed alph. by names of counties. Hdw. 225 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Shf. off.

176. SHERIFF'S MILEAGE RECORDS, 1929--. 1 vol.

Record of mileage in serving writs, showing date, miles traveled, cause no., and total amount of expenditures. No index. Hdw. 480 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Shf. off.

For prior records, see entry 174.

Maps

177. FAYETTE COUNTY, not dated. 1 map.

Political map, showing townships, sections, cities and towns, highways, roads, farms, and names of farm owners. Drawn by Maurice L. Scholl. Printed. Scale, 1 in. to 1 mi. 38 x 30. Shf. off.

IX. CORONER

The coroner is a constitutional officer elected for two years without restriction on reelection. (1) He is required to post bond not exceeding five thousand dollars nor less than one thousand dollars. (2) The office was created before 1851 by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in Fayette County is 1819, the organization date of the county.

The coroner is required to investigate deaths by violence, by accident, and of suspicious nature, and to determine the cause and manner of death. He holds inquests without a jury, (4) and may subpoena witnesses and employ a physician to make a postmortem examination, (5) filing his report and verdict with the clerk of the circuit court. (6) He is a peace officer with the same powers as the sheriff, (7) and acts as sheriff in event of absence, vacancy, personal interest, or incapacity of that officer, (8) and serves warrants on the sheriff if necessary. (9)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const. 1851, art. 6, sec. 2. | (6) Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts |
| (2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts | 1879 spc. sess.; Burns |
| 1871, 1879 spc. sess.; | 49-2909. |
| Burns 49-2904. | |
| (3) Const. 1816, art. 4, | (7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts |
| sec. 25. | 1873; Burns 49-2901. |
| (4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts | (8) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns |
| 1871, 1879 spc. sess.; | 49-2902. |
| Burns 49-2904. | |
| (5) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns | (9) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns |
| 49-2906. | 49-2903. |

178. CORONER INQUEST, 1891--. 2 vols. (1-2); 4 file boxes.

Record of inquests in violent or unexplained deaths, showing date, name of deceased, testimony of witnesses, and coroner's verdict.

Indexed alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 3; files, 14 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1891-1915, se. bsmt. stg. rm.; 4 file boxes, 1915--, Clk. vt.

179. CORONER REPORT, 1889--. 5 file boxes (1-5).

Record of coroner's reports of accidental or unexplained deaths, showing name of deceased, verdict of coroner, date, and witnesses' affidavits. No index. 14 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. receiving rm.

X. AUDITOR

The auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term. (1) No person can hold the office for more than eight years in any period of twelve. (2) He is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars, approved by and filed with the county commissioners. (3) The inception date of this office in Fayette County is 1841.

This office is the center of county financial administration, and here the financial records of county business are preserved.

The auditor's principal functions are fourfold: As a county "controller", he keeps the accounts of the county and issues warrants for all claims, including those approved by the commissioners. (4) Ex officio he acts as clerk to the board of commissioners, (5) the county council, (6) and the board of tax adjustment, (7) and as secretary to the board of finance. (8) He is also a member and the secretary of the board of review. (9) As a tax officer, he prepares the official tax duplicates, (10) and certifies to the treasurer the amount of taxes due from banks. (11) As budget officer, he compiles estimates made to him by each county agency and submits them to the county council. (12)

Other routine duties are: Keeping a land transfer record book; (13) managing the common school and the congressional township school funds as a member of the school fund board, (14) and apportioning semiannually the interest of these funds to the school corporations; (15) preparing the ditch duplicate covering

assessments for construction or repair of ditches and drains; (16) issuing peddlers' licenses (17) and public warehouse permits; (18) acknowledging deeds and mortgages executed for security of trust funds; (19) and approving bonds of townships trustees. (2)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3001.
(2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2,
(3) Acts 1898; Burns 49-3003.
(4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3005; Acts 1897; Burns 26-806.
(5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 28-611.
(6) Acts 1899; Burns 26-509.
(7) Acts 1935; Burns 64-301.
(8) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606.
(9) Acts 1919, 1920 spc. sess.; Burns 64-1201.
(10) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1403.
(11) Acts 1933; Burns 64-610.
(12) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520.
(13) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1409.
(14) Acts 1865; Burns 28-104; Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 28-209.
(15) Acts 1879; Burns 28-203.
(16) Acts 1883; Burns 27-131.
(17) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 42-204.
(18) Acts 1875; 1879 spc. sess.; Burns 67-231.
(19) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3011.
(20) Acts 1915; Burns 65-103.

Audits and Reports

180. RECORD OF MONTHLY AND ANNUAL BALANCE, 1911--. 2 vols.

(1-1).

Record of monthly balances, showing date, name of fund, amount of receipts and disbursements, and balance. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 20 x 17 x 2. 1 vol., 1911-24, Recr. wt.; 1 vol., 1925--, Aud. off.

181. FIELD EXAMINER'S REPORT, 1929--. 1 file box.

Reports of examinations of public offices, showing name of examiner and office, date, financial statement, depository balances, and balances in separate funds. No index. 10 x 15 x 4. Aud. off.

Audits and Reports (continued)

182. COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION OF CITIES, TOWNS, AND TOWNSHIP FUNDS, 1909--. 4 vols.

Record of distribution of tax funds, showing date, name of fund, amount, and purpose. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 x 23 x 2. Aud. rec. rm.

183. DOG FUND REPORT, 1927--. 1 file box.

Record of dog taxes collected by trustees, showing date, amount collected, amount paid out for domestic animals killed by dogs, and balance. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

184. REPORT OF OFFICER'S FEES, 1935--. 1 file box.

Reports of fees collected by officials, showing name of office, date, no. and kind of instrument, amount of collections, and total. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

For prior records, see entry 196.

185. AUDITOR'S VENUE RECORD, 1913-21. 1 vol.

Record of receipts and disbursements in venued cases, showing cause no., title of cause, amount and no. of warrant, and name of payee. No index. Hdw. 320 pp. 14 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. rec. rm.

For other venue records, see entry 75.

186. SPECIAL COURT ALLOWANCES, 1936--. 2 boxes. Title varies: Special Judge Allowances.

Allowances made in court suits, showing name of order creditor, amount order paid and held in trust by clerk, and name of payor. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. rec. vt.

Audits and Reports (continued)

187. TREASURER'S REPORT TO AUDITOR, 1930--. 1 file box.

Reports on funds of treasurer, showing date, amount received, name of payor, cause, and amount paid auditor. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

188. INTANGIBLE TAX REPORT, 1933--. 1 file box.

Report of intangible tax stamps sold, showing number of stamps on hand, amount sold, and balance at close of period. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

Receipts and Disbursements

189. AUDITOR'S FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1910--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of receipts from all offices, showing date, amount, name of payor, account to be credited to, and balance. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 13 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

190. AUDITOR'S CASH BOOK, 1895-1904. 1 vol.

Record of fees collected, showing date, name of payor, cause, and amount. No index. Hdw. 241 pp. 13 x 13 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

191. RECORD OF RECEIPTS, 1903-24. 3 vols. (1-2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of receipts of all funds, showing date, amount, source, and total. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 13 x 24 x 2. 1 vol., 1903-11, see. bsmt. stg. rm.; 2 vols., 1912-24, recr. rec. rm.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

192. AUDITOR'S RECEIPTS, 1931--. 5 vols.

Duplicates of receipts issued by auditor, showing date, amount, and account charged to. Arr. chron. Typed. 700 pp. 17 x 13 x 4. Aud. vt.

193. COUNTY AUDITOR'S LEDGER OF RECEIPTS, 1912--. 14 vols.

1919-23, missing.

Record of all receipts, appropriations, and disbursements, showing date, amount, purpose, and name of fund. Arr. by funds. 1912-32, ndw.; 1932-34, typed; 1935--, hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 8 vols., 1912-32, Recr. rec. rm.; 6 vols., 1932--, Aud. vt.

194. AUDITOR'S REGISTER OF ALL RECEIPTS, 1932--. 1 vol. (2).

Record of all receipts other than taxes, showing date, amount, and title of fund. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Aud. vt.

195. RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATIONS, AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1932--. 2 vols.

Record showing date, amount and no. of warrant or receipt, title of fund, and balance. Arr. by funds. Hdw. 600 pp. 20 x 20 x 2. Aud. vt.

196. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF COUNTY OFFICER'S FEES, 1895-1910. 1 vol.

Record of receipts and disbursements of officer's fees, showing name of office, amount, and balance. No index. Hdw. 318 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entries 193 and 195.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

197. RECORD OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1890-1909. 3 vols.

Record of disbursements of funds for fiscal year, showing date, order no., name of payee, purpose and amount of payment. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 23 x 2. So. bsmt. stg. rm.

198. JOURNAL, 1849-79. 4 vols. (3-5, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of expenditures, showing date, no. and amount of warrant, and purpose. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. So. bsmt. stg. rm.

199. RECORD OF ADVANCEMENT AND REIMBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF TOWNSHIP POOR, 1922--. 1 vol.

Record of twp. aid for poor, showing date, name of twp., kind and amount of aid, and balance due county or township. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 x 18 x 1. Aud. vt.

200. POOR FUND LEDGER, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of poor fund disbursements, showing warrant no., date, amount and kind of disbursement, and balances. Arr. by twps. Hdw. 700 pp. 10 x 13 x 4. Aud. vt.

For prior records, see entry 24.

201. REGISTER OF POOR FUND CLAIMS, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of claims against poor fund, showing name of vendor, kind of relief granted, amount of claim, amount certified, claim and warrant nos., and date. Arr. by twps. Hdw. 400 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Aud. vt.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

202. TOWNSHIP POOR RELIEF CLAIMS, 1935--. 11 file boxes.

Poor relief claims, showing date, kind and amount of relief, name of claimant, and date. Arr. by twps. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

203. TOWNSHIP POOR REPORTS, 1935--. 1 file box.

Trustees' reports of indigents, showing date, number of families on relief at last report, families admitted or discharged, and families on relief at time of report. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

203A. TOWNSHIP POOR, REPORTS, 1933-34. 12 file drawers.

Original vouchers for poor relief claims, showing date, name of claimant, kind of relief, and amount of claim. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

204. AUDITOR'S REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1912--. 5 vols. (1-3, and 2 vols. not numbered). Title varies: Auditor's Warrants.

Record of warrants for county expense, showing warrant no., amount, cause, name of payee, and date. Arr. chron. Hdw. 320 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 vols., 1912-35, Recr. vt.; 2 vols., 1935--, Aud. vt.

205. CANCELED WARRANTS, 1871-95. 1 vol.

Record of orders redeemed, showing date, order no., description of order, and total. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. So. bsmt. stg. rm.

Taxes

Appraisements

206. TRANSFER BOOK, 1859--. 99 vols.

Record of land title transfers, showing date, name of owner, transfer description and location of land, value of land and improvements, amount of fee, and kind of instruments. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 300 pp. 17 x 15 x 2. 90 vols., 1859-1932, recr. vt.; 9 vols., 1932--, Aud. off.

207. VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, 1869. 1 vol.

Record of real estate, showing names of owner, description, location, and value of lands, value of improvements, and total. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 13 x 1. Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

208. ENUMERATION OF WHITES AND COLORED, 1877--. 62 vols.

Record of male citizens over 21 years of age, showing name, residence, age, and color. Arr. alph. by names of males. 75 pp. 14 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

209. RECORD OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, 1875--. 30 vols.

Title varies: Statistical Record.

Record of farm products, showing name of farmer, location of farm, classification and value of products and domestic animals, and total value of all products. No index. Hdw. 50 pp. 18 x 11 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

Taxes--Appraisements (continued)

210. MILEAGE REPORT, 1929--. 1 file box.

Reports on miles of telephone or telegraph lines, and railroad and interurban tracks in county, showing name of company, and miles of service connections. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

Returns

211. AFFIDAVIT OF MORTGAGE INDEBTEDNESS, 1924-30. 25 vols.

Affidavits of persons seeking exemptions from taxes because of mortgage indebtedness, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, location and description of property, and amount of mortgage.

Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 320 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 212.

212. MORTGAGE EXEMPTIONS, 1931--. 77 vols.

Record of affidavits in action for tax reduction on mortgage property, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, amount of mortgage, and record and page nos. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 200 pp. 8 x 8 x 1. 54 vols. 1913-35, Recr. vt.; 23 vols., 1935--, Aud. vt.

213. SOLDIER'S EXEMPTIONS, 1927--. 1 file box.

Claims of disabled veterans for tax exemptions, showing name of claimant, address, identification, claim affidavit, and date. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

Taxes (continued)

Lists

214. ASSESSOR BOOKS, 1872--. 264 vols.

Record of assessable property, showing name and residence of owner, description of real and personal property, and appraised valuation. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 17 x 11 x 3/4. 220 vols., 1872-1930, se. bsmt. stg. rm.; 44 vols., 1930--, Recr. rm.

215. ASSESSMENT ROLLS, 1856-67. 4 vols. Title varies:

Copy of Assessments.

Record of assessable property, showing date, name and residence of property owner, description and location of personal and real property, and appraised value. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

For subsequent records, see entries 216 and 217.

216. REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS, 1894-1928. 580 vols.

Record of real estate assessments, showing location and description of lands and lots, name of owner, value of real estate and improvements, and total. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 400 pp. 15 x 9 x 2. 440 vols., 1894-1919, se. bsmt. stg. rm.; 140 vols., 1920-28, Assr. off.

217. PERSONAL ASSESSMENTS, 1894--. 510 vols.

Record of personal property assessments, showing kind of personal property, valuation by owner, valuation by assessor, and name and address of owner. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 400 pp. 15 x 9 x 2. 310 vols., 1894-1919, se. bsmt. stg. rm.; 200 vols., 1920--, Assr. off.

Taxes--Lists (continued)

218. ASSESSMENT LIST, 1881-90. 171 file boxes.

Original assessment lists, showing kind of personal property, valuation by owner and by assessor, and name and address of owner. No index. 9 x 4 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Sc. bsnt. stg. rm.

Delinquent and Erroneous

219. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LANDS AND LOTS, 1868-76. 1 vol.

Record of delinquent lands, showing name of owner, address, description, location and value of property, amount of tax, and amount delinquent. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Sc. bsnt. stg. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 244.

220. TAX SALE RECORD, 1855--. 2 vols. Title varies:

Register of Sales.

Record of property sales for taxes, showing date, description of real estate and chattels sold, names of owner and purchaser, amount delinquent, and sale price. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. rec. rm.

For tax deed record, see entry 146.

221. (TAX SALE CERTIFICATE), 1890--. 7 file boxes.

Original certificates conveying title to property, showing date, amount of delinquent taxes, description of property, sale price, and names of owner and purchaser. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Aud. vt.

Taxes (continued)

Plat Books

222. ASSESSOR'S PLAT BOOK, 1870-1932. 33 vols.

Record of lands, showing name of owners, description, location, size, and value of land, ~~twps.~~, value of improvements, and total. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 11 x $\frac{1}{2}$. So. bsmt. stg. rm.

School Fund
(See also entry 154)

223. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, SCHOOL FUNDS, 1853--. 2 vols.

Record of receipts on school fund loans, showing date, loan no., name of payer, and amount. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 17 x 13 x 1 3/4. 1 vol., 1853-99, Recr. vt.; 1 vol., 1899--, Aud. vt.

224. LEDGER OF SCHOOL FUNDS, 1854-79. 1 vol.

Record of payments on school fund, showing date, name of payer, amount paid on principal and interest, and total. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. Sc. bsmt. stg. rm.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 223.

225. INVENTORY OF TRUST OR SCHOOL FUNDS LOANED BY FAYETTE COUNTY, 1899--. 1 vol.

Record of school and trust funds, showing date, register page, loan no., amount of loan, amount unpaid, title of loan, date of interest payment, and total amount unpaid in each fund. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 17 x 2. Aud. off.

School Fund (continued)

226. SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT, 1855-90. 1 vol.

Record of common and congressional school fund loans, showing date of mortgage, date and amount of payment on principal and interest, balance, name of mortgagor, and improvement made on property.

No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 23 x 2. Sc. bsmt. stg. rm.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 220.

227. (DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL REVENUE), 1936--. 2 file boxes.

Reports of auditor to superintendent, of condition of school fund, showing expenditures, and balance for each division. Arr. chron.

10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

228. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND LOANS, 1838--. 6 vols. (1-2, and 4 vols. not numbered).

Record of loans, showing date, name of borrower, serial no., amount of loan, rate of interest, description, location, and appraisal of real estate, title of fund affected, and balance.

Indexed alph. by titles of funds. Hdw. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 1 vol., 1838-June 16, 1877, sc. bsmt. stg. rm.; 3 vols., June 17, 1877-Sept. 27, 1919, Tr. vt.; 2 vols., Dec. 3, 1919--, Aud. vt.

229. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE, 1936--. Same file boxes as entry 227.

Original mortgages on school fund loans, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgnee, description of real estate, terms of mortgage, and amount. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

School Funds (continued)

230. REGISTER OF ORDERS SCHOOL FUND, 1853-91. 1 vol.

Record of all school fund orders, showing date, order no., name of payee, title of fund, amount of order, and nature of claim. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 17 x 13 x 2. Recr. vt.

Official and Surety Bonds
(See also entries 48-52)

231. BOND RECORD, 1891--. 2 vols.

Record of surety bonds, showing date, amount and terms of bond, and names of principal, sureties, and witnesses. No index. 1891-Dec. 1924, hdw. and typed; Dec. 1924--, hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. rec. rm.

232. RETAILER'S BONDS AND APPLICATIONS, 1902-18. 5 vols.

(2-4, 3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of applications for license to sell alcoholic beverages, showing names of applicant and surety, amount and term of bond, and date. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 230 pp. 17 x 12 x 2. 2 vols., 1902-Feb. 1909, se. bmt. stg. rm.; 3 vols., Feb. 1909-18, Recr. vt.

233. MISCELLANEOUS BONDS, 1931--. 4 file boxes.

Bonds filed by public officials, showing date, names of principal and sureties, and amount and condition of bond. No index. 10 x 13 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

Maps

254. CITY OF CONNERSVILLE AND ADDITIONS, 1933. 1 map.

Plat map, showing number and locations of fire alarm boxes.

Drawn by William J. Little, Connersville, Ind. Printed, black and white. 1 in. to 400 ft. 48 x 37. Aud. off.

XI. ASSESSOR

The office of assessor was created by an act of 1891. (1)

This officer is elected for a four-year term, there being no prohibition against successive terms. The inception date of this office in Fayette County is 1891. Qualifications are established by law. He must be a continuous freeholder of Fayette County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election, and he must post a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good freehold sureties approved by the auditor, who also administers the oath of office. His work is under the direction of the state board of tax commissioners, and he may be removed by that board, after a hearing, for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office. (2)

The duties of the assessor are: To examine carefully the tax duplicates, to instruct and advise the township assessors, to review their returns, to assess omitted real and personal property, to appraise estates for inheritance taxes, to report to the state board any delinquencies of township assessors, (3) to examine public records, (4) and to set a value upon intangibles for taxation. (5) He is ex-officio member and president of the Fayette County board of review. (6)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 112. (5) Acts 1933; Burns 64-905.
(2) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1101. (6) Acts 1919, 1920 spc. sess.;
(3) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1102. Burns 64-1201.
(4) Ibid.

235. DEPUTY ASSESSORS APPOINTMENT, 1936. 1 file box.

Appointments of deputy assessors, showing date, names of appointee, and party administering oath, and tenure of office. No index.

10 x 4 x 13. Aud. off.

Maps

236. CONNERSVILLE, IND., 1905. 1 map.

Political and communications map, showing original plat, additions, roads, streets, railroads, rivers, lots, and lot numbers. Drawn by Chas. Williams, Jr., Connerville, Ind. Blue -print. 1 in. to 400 ft. 33 x 21. Assr. off.

XII. BOARD OF REVIEW

By virtue of an act of 1919, Fayette County has a board of review for the annual review of assessments and the equalization of valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the assessor, treasurer, and auditor, *ex officio*, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed annually by the judge of the circuit court. The assessor is president and the auditor is secretary of the board. (1)

From 1881 to 1891 the duties of reviewing and equalizing tax assessments were performed by a county board of equalization consisting of the county commissioners and four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (2) The law of 1891 superseded this act and created the board of review, composed of the treasurer, assessor, and auditor. (3) The act of 1919 reestablished the board, adding the two freeholder appointments to its membership. (4) The inception date of this board in Fayette County is 1891.

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of property in the township or any taxing unit within the township, and to determine the amount to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes throughout the county. It also may redetermine the valuation of any particular tract or lot upon the complaint of the owner. If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high, too low, or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or of any township or taxing

unit therein, and order a new assessment. (5)

The board also makes a general review of assessment lists to discover omitted property and to correct errors in the lists. It assesses the capital stock of corporations in the county, except those assessed by the state board of tax commissioners, such as railroad, telephone, and telegraph companies. (6)

All records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1919, Burns 64-1201, (4) Acts 1919, Burns ibid.
64-1206. (5) Ibid.

(2) Acts 1881, ch. 96, sec. 129. (6) Ibid.

(3) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114.

237. RECORD BOARD OF REVIEW, 1891--. 3 vols.

Record of the findings of the board on assessed real estate or personal property, showing date, and names of petitioners and board members. No index. Hdw. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 2 vols., 1891-June 24, 1916, Recr. rec. rm.; 1 vol., June 24, 1916--, Aud. rec. rm.

238. OATHS BOARD OF REVIEW, 1936. Same file box as entry

235.

Oaths administered to members of board of review, showing date, and names of members and party administering oath. No index. 10 x 4 x 13. Aud. off.

XIII. BOARD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT

The board of tax adjustment of Fayette County was established by an act of legislature in 1933 and consisted of seven members.

By an act of 1937 the membership of the board was changed. One is a member of the county council, chosen by the council, one member is the mayor of the largest city in the county or any public official of the county appointed by the said mayor of the largest city of the county, one member of the county board of education selected by such board, and four freeholders of the county appointed by the judge of the circuit court. Not more than four members of such adjustment board can be members of the same political party. The board is empowered to serve for one year. (2)

It is the duty of the board to examine, and if it deems necessary, revise, change, or reduce, but not increase, any tax levies and any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based, and apportion the total of all of the levies so that the total levy on property within any municipal corporation for which the property therein is taxable, shall not exceed the total rate as provided by law. (3)

All the records of this office are located in the auditor's vault in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.
(2) Acts 1937, ch. 119, sec. 4.

(3) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.

239. MISCELLANEOUS, 1933--. 7 file boxes.

Papers of adjustments made on assessments, showing amounts of adjustment, date, description of property, and names of board members and property owner. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{4}$. Aud. vt.

XIV. BOARD OF FINANCE

By virtue of an act of 1907, the board of county commissioners of Fayette County constitutes the board of finance. The auditor serves as secretary. It may sue and be sued in its own name whenever necessary to accomplish the purpose intended by its creation. (1) The inception date of this board in Fayette County is 1907.

The board of finance has charge of and controls the funds of Fayette County. (2) Its functions are to select the banks to serve as depositories for county funds and to apportion the funds among such depositories. In lieu of depositing county funds in banks, the board may purchase United States Government bonds or other interest-bearing obligations of the United States Government or its instrumentalities. (3) The board receives monthly statements of county funds on deposit from the banks, (4) and may, as it sees fit, revoke the commission of any depository. (5)

The general assembly of 1935 repealed the act establishing this board, and in the same session in the Depository Act of 1935, reestablished the board of finance practically unaltered. The board has supervision of all public funds of the county, and the safekeeping and deposit thereof. (6)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606.

(2) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606.

(3) Acts 1907, 1932 spc. sess.;
Burns 61-610.

(4) Acts 1907, 1931; Burns 61-616.

(5) Acts 1907; Burns 61-613.

(6) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl.,
61-628.

240. STATE TAX BOARD, 1919--. 2 file boxes. Title varies:
Old State Tax Board.

Appeals made by firms to the state board of tax commissioners for reassessment, showing date, name of firm, and final adjustment. No index. 10 x 4 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

241. RECORD BOARD OF FINANCE AND COLLATERAL SECURITIES,
1907--. 1 vol.

Minutes of the meetings of the board in selection of depositories for county funds, showing terms, date, amount, and name of bank. No index. 1907-1919, hdw.; 1920-29, typed. 340 pp. 15 x 17 x 1. 3/4. Recr. rec. rm.

242. FINANCIAL REPORT, 1936. 1 file box.

Monthly statement of depositories, showing daily balance, amount of deposits, amount disbursed on warrants, and interest. No index. 10 x 4 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

243. MISCELLANEOUS BONDS, 1931--. 4 file boxes.

Bonds furnished by depositories, showing amount, date, names of surety, and bank, and bond no. No index. 10 x 4 x 13. Aud. off.

XV. SCHOOL FUND BOARD

The county school fund board was created by an act of 1935. It consists of three members: the auditor and the clerk ex officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court for a two-year term. (1)

The duty of this board is to make all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real property secured by mortgage. This was formerly a duty of the auditor. The board must satisfy itself as to the value of real estate offered in the mortgage, the validity of the title, and whether it is encumbered. (2)

The inception date of this board in Fayette County is 1935.

(1) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936
suppl., 28-209. (2) Acts 1865; Burns, *ibid.*

These records are to be surveyed and inserted here in final publication.

XVI. TREASURER

The treasurer is a constitutional officer, elected for a term of two years. No person is eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. (1) He is required to execute his official bond, in the penalty of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during his term. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of treasurer was in existence by virtue of an act of 1817. (3) The inception date of this office in Fayette County is 1819, the organization date of the county.

The treasurer receives all moneys coming to Fayette County and deposits the same on the proper orders issued and attested by the auditor. (4) He keeps fee books and cash books. (5) He makes quarterly reports to the commissioners; (5) at the expiration of his term of office, he gives a sworn statement to the auditor, showing specifically the amount of fees collected, (7) and deposits with the auditor all orders redeemed. (8) He makes a monthly statement to the treasurer of state, (9) and collects all taxes. (10)

The laws of the state also place certain ex-officio duties upon the treasurer. He is a member of the board of review, (11) and has custody of county funds, although the depositories are chosen by the board of finance. (12)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

- (1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2.
- (2) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1855, 1919; Burns 49-3101.
- (3) Acts 1817, ch. 17, sec. 1.
- (4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3103.
- (5) Acts 1895; Burns 49-1401.
- (6) Acts 1895, 1913; Burns 49-1403.
- (7) Acts 1895, 1903, 1913; Burns 49-1402.
- (8) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3114.
- (9) Acts 1859, 1861; Burns 49-1813.
- (10) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1502.
- (11) Acts 1919, 1920 spc. sess.; Burns 64-1201.
- (12) Acts 1907, 1932 spc. sess.; Burns 61-610.

Tax Collections

244. TAX DUPLICATE, 1848--. 96 vols.

Record of property tax assessments, showing name of tax payer, description of property, location, value, amount taxed, and amount delinquent. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 17 x 15 x 2. 44 vols., 1848-1911, Recr. vt.; 52 vols., 1912--, Tr. vt.

245. MORATORIUM TAX DUPLICATE, 1932--. 1 vol.

Record of property taxes on which moratorium was declared, showing name of owner, description of property, amount due, penalty dropped, and amount due on each installment. Indexed alph. by names of twps. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 15 x 3. Aud. off.

246. TREASURER'S RECORD OF INSOLVENT TAXES, 1895--. 4 vols.

(2-5). Vol. 1, prior to 1895, missing.

Record of taxes dropped from duplicate, showing date, reason for insolvency, name of owner, duplicate no., and amounts of assessment, poll, and penalty. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Tr. vt.

Tax Collections (continued)

247. COUNTY TREASURER'S REGISTER OF TAX COLLECTED, 1925--.

13 vols.

Record of tax receipts, showing date, name of payer, amount, purpose, and duplicate nos. Indexed alph. by names of payers. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Tr. vt.

248. COLLECTION REGISTER, 1858-78. 20 vols.

Record of delinquent taxes, showing name of property owner, description and location of land, amount delinquent, interest, penalty, and total. Indexed alph. by names of property holders. Hdw. 50 pp. 14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. off.

249. TAX RECEIPTS, 1881-1904. 60 vols.

Record of tax receipts for first and second tax periods, showing description and location of property, name of payer, receipt no., and date. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. off.

250. TAX STUBS, 1904--. 40 file boxes.

Stubs of tax receipts, showing date of payment, name of payer, receipt no., and amount paid. Arr. alph. 10 x 3 x $13\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. off.

Public Improvement Records

251. LIST OF ROAD TAX, 1853-77. 3 vols. Title varies:

Register of Road Receipts.

Record of road taxes, showing date, name of property owner, amount assessed, amount worked out in lieu of cash payments, amount paid, and balance. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 15 x 11 x 2. Aud. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 244.

Public Improvement Records (continued)

252. REGISTER OF ROAD RECEIPTS, 1873-1877. 1 vol.

Record of road receipts by twps., showing date, name of twp., and total receipts in each twp. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

Receipts and Disbursements

253. TREASURER'S DAILY BALANCE OF CASH AND DEPOSITORYIES,

1881--. 20 vols. (1-4, 1-15). 1897-1917, missing.

Record of daily balances, showing date, amount on hand, amount collected, total deposited, name of depository, and balance.

No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 15 vols., 1881-97, 1923--, tr. vt.; 4 vols., 1919-22, se. bsmt. stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1917-18, aud. vt.

254. COUNTY TREASURER'S LEDGER OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS,

1933--. 1 vol.

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing page reference to journal, amount, date, and name of fund to which credited or charged.

Indexed alph. by names of funds. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 15 x 3.

Tr. vt.

255. RECORD OF RECEIPTS OF TREASURER OF FAYETTE COUNTY, 1912-

18. 1 vol.

Record of receipts, showing no. of receipt, and amount, name of fund, and date. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 26 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

256. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1877-1922. 29 vols. (1-14, 1-13, and 2 vols. not numbered). 1895-98, missing.

Record of cash received and disbursed, showing date, name of twp., amount received, and amount disbursed. No index. Hdw. 400 pp.

18 x 13 x 2. 24 vols., 1877-1921, Tr. off.; 1 vol., 1910-22,

Recr. rec. rm.; 4 vols., 1917-20, bsmt. stg. rm.

257. TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, 1922--. 3 file boxes.

Duplicate receipts, showing name of payer, amount, date, receipt no., and name of fund to which credited. No index. 1928-34, Recr. vt.; 1934--, Tr. vt.

258. APPROPRIATION AND DISBURSEMENT, 1900-1913. 2 vols.

(1,1). Title varies: Appropriation and Ledger of Accounts.

Record of appropriations and disbursements, showing name of account, amount appropriated, kind and amount of expense, warrant no., and date. Indexed alph. by names of accounts. Hdw. 500 pp.

18 x 18 x 3. 1900-Sept. 5, 1911, Recr. rec. rm.; Sept. 6, 1911-13, Tr. rec. rm.

259. REGISTER OF DISBURSEMENT, 1904-19. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of disbursements from county funds, showing date, amount disbursed, and warrant no. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 17 x 21 x 2.

Se. bsmt. stg. rm.

260. REGISTER OF ORDERS DRAWN, 1849-1890. 5 vols. (3-5, and 2 vols. not numbered). Title varies: Journal.

Record of orders drawn for county expenses, showing date, payee, purpose, amount, and warrant no. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 4 vols., 1849-79, se. bsmt. stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1879-90, Recr. vt.

For later records, see entry 264.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

261. REGISTER OF ORDERS, 1851-1913. 5 vols. (1, and 4 vols. not numbered). Title varies: Orders Redeemed by Treasurer.

Record of auditor's orders paid by treasurer, showing date of redemption, name of payee, amount, and to what account charged.

No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Se. bsm. stg. rm.

262. RECORD OF REDEEMED AND RECEIPTED ORDERS, 1895-1911. 1 vol.

Record of county orders redeemed for each quarterly period, showing date, order no., amount, kind of order, and total. No index.

Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 23 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$. Se. bsm. stg. rm.

263. TREASURER'S REGISTER OF WARRANTS BY DEPOSITORYES, 1917--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Register of warrants, and record of depository balances, showing date, amount, warrant no., purpose of warrant, and balance. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 3. Tr. vt.

264. CANCELED WARRANTS, 1924--. 12 file drawers.

Canceled warrants for county expenses, showing date, appropriation, name of payee, amount, purpose, and warrant no. No index. 10 x 4 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1924-32, Recr. rec. rm.; 1933-- Tr. vt.

For earlier records, see entry 260.

265. CHECK DUPLICATES, 1916-32. 8 vols.

Stubs of checks issued, showing no., name of payee, purpose, date issued, and warrant no. No index. Typed. 600 pp. 17 x 12 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1916-26, se. bsm. stg. rm.; 6 vols., 1926-32, recr. rec. rm.

XVII. ELECTION BOARDS

Board of Election Commissioners

By legislative enactment in 1889, the board of election commissioners was created. It consists of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two major political parties; each of whom is nominated by the chairman of the county central committee of the two political parties respectively. This board is appointed annually and serves without pay. It is its duty to prepare and distribute ballots for the election of county officers. (1)

The board's duties are: to print ballots; to receive petitions to place candidates' names on the ballots; and to receive certificates of nominations by convention or primary election. (2)

Board of Canvassers

By an act of 1905, the legislature constituted the board of election commissioners a board of canvassers. They are required to canvass and estimate the certificates, poll lists and tally papers. (3) The further duties of the board are: to tabulate the votes, record them in the poll books, and file them, together with the tally papers and certificates, in the office of the clerk. (4) The board selects its own chairman, and the clerk of the circuit court acts as clerk of the board, (5) and the board declares the election winners by a statement of certification. (6)

Primary Election Commissioners

The primary election commissioners were provided for by an act of the legislature in 1915. They consist of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two major political parties; each of whom is nominated in writing by the chairman of the county central committee of the two political parties respectively. It is their duty to prepare and distribute the primary ballots and generally supervise the primary elections. (7) The canvass of the primary votes is done by the board of canvassers. (8)

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| (1) Acts 1859; Burns 29-1002. | (5) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1402. |
| (2) Acts 1889, 1933; Burns 29-1003. | (6) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1405. |
| (3) Acts 1905, 1907; Burns 29-1401. | (7) Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504. |
| (4) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404. | (8) Acts 1915; Burns 29-560. |

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XVIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION

The educational system of Indiana had its beginning back in 1818, and since then it has undergone several changes.

The legislature in 1818 provided for the appointment by the county commissioners of a superintendent of schools for each congressional township. (1)

By legislative enactment in 1824 the school system was administered by three township school trustees, who were elective. (2)

The school administrative system was changed by the legislature in 1833. By this new act the election of a school commissioner was prescribed. (3)

In 1852 the legislature provided that the township trustees should serve as a board of school trustees in each civil township. (4)

By legislative enactment in 1865 three school trustees were elected by the common council of each incorporated city and the board of trustees of each incorporated town to administer the school system in conjunction with the township trustees of each civil township. (5)

By an act of 1873 the county board of education was created. The board was comprised of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees of the county, and the school trustees of each city and town of the county. (6)

The inception date of this board in Fayette County is 1873.

By legislative enactment in 1877 the membership of the board was changed to consist of the county superintendent of schools,

the township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town. (7)

The duties of the board are to take care of the general needs of the schools, maintenance of school property, and purchase of furniture, books, maps, charts, and other supplies. (8) Its powers also include appointment of a county attendance officer upon nomination of the county superintendent. (9) The board may purchase text books from publishers and sell them to pupils at cost. (10)

All the records are located in the superintendent of schools office, in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1818, ch. 49, sec. 1. | (6) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 8. |
| (2) Acts 1824, ch. 97, secs. 1, 2. | (7) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-201. |
| (5) Acts 1853, ch. 70, sec. 3. | (8) <i>I Ibid.</i> |
| (4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 98, secs. 4, 8. | (9) Acts 1921, 1932 spc. sess.; Burns 28-501. |
| (5) Acts 1865, ch. 1, secs. 4, 5. | (10) Acts 1921; Burns 28-613. |

266. BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1928--. 1 file drawer.

Minutes of the board of education, showing date of meeting, subject discussed, and action of board. Arr. chron. 16 x 14 x 24.

267. BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1852-1928. 1 vol.

Record of proceedings and minutes of the board, showing date of meeting, subject discussed, and decision of board. Arr. chron.

Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

XLIX. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In 1865 the legislature provided for a school examiner to be appointed by the county commissioners. (1)

By legislative enactment in 1873, the act of 1865 was amended, and the school examiner's title was changed to "county superintendent of schools". He was appointed by the township trustees to serve for a term of two years. (2)

In 1899 the legislature extended the term of office of the superintendent of schools to four years, and also provided that he be elected by the township trustees. The act also required that he post bond with the auditor to insure faithful performance of his duties as prescribed by law. (3) The inception date of this office in Fayette County is 1873.

The superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools of Fayette County. He visits each township institute once each school year and conducts teachers' county institutes. He carries out the orders of the state board of education and the state superintendent of public instruction. (4) He is required to make a report as to teacher's preparation, experience, and license before being hired by the school trustees. (5) He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenues from the enumeration of pupils. (6) He receives statements for school aid relief from school and township trustees. (7) He is ex-officio member of the board of education. (8)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1865, ch. 1, sec. 33. (5) Acts 1927, 1933; Burns
(2) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 2. 28-4309.
(3) Acts 1899, 1911, 1915; Burns (6) Acts 1865; Burns 28-715.
28-702. (7) Acts 1933; Burns 28-903.
(4) Acts 1899; Burns 28-704. (8) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801.

Activities and Reports

268. ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT, 1933--.

1 file drawer.

Reports of twp. trustees to state superintendent of public instruction, showing financial conditions of schools, and school statistics. Arr. chron. 16 x 12 x 24. Supt. off.

269. MISCELLANEOUS, 1935--. 1 file drawer.

Record of meetings of trustees, showing rulings of board, names of teachers for each twp., and date. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 x 13. Supt. off.

270. TEACHERS REPORT TO THE COUNTY SUP(ERINTENDEN)T, 1909--.

2 bundles.

Reports of teachers to the county superintendent, showing date, names of pupils, grades, and average attendance. No index. 13 x 11 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

271. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT, 1916--. 1 file box.

Inspector's report of high schools, showing date of inspection, name of school, and school statistics. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 13. Supt. off.

272. AUDITOR'S REPORTS ON SCHOOL REVENUE, 1919--. 1 file box.

Auditor's reports of distribution of school revenue, showing amount of revenue, amounts provided to the several funds, date, and source of revenue. No index. 10 x 4 x 13. Supt. off.

Activities and Reports (continued)

273. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSPECTION, 1922--. 16 folders.

Reports by state inspector, showing date, name of school, condition of buildings and furnishings, efficiency of teaching staff, and recommendations for improvements. No index. 14 x 10 x 24. Supt. off.

274. ACTIONS AND PETITIONS, 1907. 1 file drawer.

Actions and Petitions; Contains: (Action Taken Against Trustee), entry 274A; (Petitions to Change Location of Jackson Township School), entry 274B; (Institute Teacher's List), entry 274C; (Reports of County Superintendent to State Superintendent), entry 274D. No index. 12 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. sch. off.

274A. (ACTION TAKEN AGAINST TRUSTEE), 1907. In Actions and Petitions, entry 274.

Papers pertaining to action taken against trustee for holding a school overtime, showing date, names of trustee, school attorney, and petitioners, reason, proceedings of court, and final decision.

274B. (PETITIONS TO CHANGE LOCATION OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL), 1907. In Actions and Petitions, entry 274.

Petitions to change location of Jackson Township school, showing date, names of petitioners and school, new location, and action taken.

274C. (INSTITUTE TEACHER'S LIST), 1907. In Actions and Petitions, entry 274.

List of teachers attending institute, showing date of meeting, names and addresses, types of subjects discussed, and recommendations.

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274D. (REPORTS OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT TO STATE SUPERINTENDENT),

1907. In Actions and Petitions, entry 274.

Reports of county superintendent to state superintendent of public instruction, on conditions of schools, showing date of visit, names of teachers, school, and pupils, subjects taught, number of pupils enrolled, and grades made.

275. (SCHOOL RECORDS REPORTS), 1901--. 96 bundles.

Teachers' final reports, semester reports, reports of twp. trustees, showing school finances, problem children, requests for working permits, final examinations, and success grades. No index. 12 x 6 x 2. Supt. off.

276. RECORD OF OFFICIAL VISITS AND RECORD OF REPORTS, 1892--.

34 vols.

Record of official visits by school superintendent to schools in county, showing district, number, twp., names of teachers, date of visit, and teacher's grades. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 8 x 5 x 3/4. Supt. off.

277. SUP(ERINTENDEN)T OF SCHOOLS, 1886-98. 1 vol.

Record of transfer of persons from twp. and corporations to other locations, showing names of persons and twp., or corporation, and new location. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Recr. off.

Enumerations

278. ENUMERATION BLANKS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, 1920--. 1 file box.

School enumeration sheets, showing names of parents and pupil, pupil's age, sex, color and date of birth. No index. 10 x 4 x 13. Supt. off.

Teachers

279. LICENSES, 1924--. 1 drawer.

Record of teacher's licenses, showing qualifications, name and age of teacher, length of term, and amount of college training. No index. 10 x 4 x 13. Supt. off.

280. RECORD OF TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS, 1883-1929. 4 vols.

Record of examinations of grade school teachers, showing date of examination, name of teacher, address, age, grades made in examination, and duration of license. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Supt. off.

281. TEACHERS REPORT OF AGGREGATE ATTENDANCE OF PUPILS, 1910--.

3 bundles.

Teacher's attendance and grade reports of pupils, showing names of school, teacher, and pupils; daily report of classes, times absent or tardy, and grades of each pupil. No index. 15 x 9 x 12. Supt. off.

Pupils

282. RECORD OF GRADUATES FROM DISTRICT SCHOOLS, 1899--. 2 vols.

Record of pupils graduating, showing name of pupil, address, subjects studied, grades made each semester, date graduated, and school attended. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. Supt. off.

Pupils (continued)

283. RECORD OF WORK PERMITS, 1902--. 1 file box.

Permits for children under 18 years of age, showing date and place of birth, age at time of application, and name of child.

No index. 10 x 4 x 13. Supt. off.

284. INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL RECORD, 1919--. 2 bundles.

Scholarship record of pupils on all subjects in high school work, showing names of pupil and teacher, age of pupil, subjects taken, and credits given. No index. 12 x 9 x 7. Supt. off.

Maps

285. FAYETTE COUNTY, INDIANA, 1932. 1 map.

Political and communications map, showing railroads, rivers, creeks, roads, highways, canals, state roads, and boundaries. Drawn by Maurice Scholl, Connersville, Ind. Printed. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 7 mi. 38 x 30. Supt. off.

XX. HEALTH OFFICER

By legislative enactment in 1881, a county board of health was established and was required to elect a secretary who acted as the health officer for each town and city, and the county. (1)

In 1891 the legislature amended the act of 1881 and enlarged the duties of the health officer, who acted through the board of health. (2)

The health commissioner was provided for by an act of the legislature in 1909, and in the same act a repeal clause repealed the act creating the county board of health. The health commissioner is elected by the county commissioners to serve for a four-year term. (3) The health commissioner must be a licensed physician. (4) The inception date of the records of this office in Fayette County is 1881.

By an act of 1955 the title of county health commissioner was changed to county health officer, who is appointed by the county commissioner with the approval of the state board of health, to serve four years. The county health officer must be legally qualified to practice medicine, suitably trained in sanitary science, and his qualifications must be satisfactory to the state board of health. He is required to enforce the health laws of the state and enforce all the rules of the state board of health. (5)

It is the duty of the health officer to enforce the health laws; to record and report vital statistics, such as births, deaths,

and marriages; to make sanitary inspections of all public and private buildings in regard to sources of diseases; to establish quarantine and take all reasonable means to protect the public health; to close schools and churches; and to prohibit public assemblies to prevent epidemics. (6)

The records are located in the basement south east storage room, in the courthouse.

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| (1) 1881 Rev. Stat., sec. 4993. | (5) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 |
| (2) Acts 1891, ch. 15, sec. 8. | suppl., 35-118. |
| (3) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-108. | (6) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-111. |
| (4) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-110. | |

286. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1902-6. 1 vol.

Record of births, showing date, time of birth, name, and sex, and name, age, residence, occupation, and race of parents. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 11 x 3/4.

XXI. BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The board of public welfare of Fayette County, created in 1936 by an act of the legislature, consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare. The board members are appointed by the judge of the circuit court; at least two members must be women and not more than three members may be adherents of any one political party. (1)

Subject to the rules and regulations of the state department of public welfare, the board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, old age assistance, services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped, the care and treatment of dependent, neglected, and handicapped children, children in danger of becoming delinquent, and such other welfare activities as may be delegated to it by the state department of public welfare, under the provisions of the act, including services connected with assistance to the blind. (2)

The director, who is appointed by the board of public welfare of Fayette County under the supervision of the circuit court, performs the functions of probation officer and agent of the court. (3)

All jurisdiction vested in county boards pertaining to welfare work was transferred to the Board of public welfare upon

its. organization in 1936. (4)

All the records are located in the welfare office in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1118. (3) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1119, 52-1120.
(2) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1120. (4) Acts 1936 spc. sess.; Burns, 1936 suppl., 52-1408.

287. REGISTER OF APPLICATIONS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of applications for old age assistance, aid to blind, and aid to dependent children, showing date of application, serial no., names and address of applicant, date effective, no. of award certificate, and rejection record. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 10 x 1.

288. RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY DIRECTOR, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of recommendations on applications, showing date, name of applicant, kind and amount of application, serial number, and recommendation of director. Arr. chron. Hdw. 16 x 11 x 3/4.

289. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN (Aged and Blind), 1936--.

1 vol.

Record of assistance given aged and blind, showing name and address of recipient, amount awarded, kind of assistance, application and serial nos., and date. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 16 x 1.

290. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN DEPENDENT CHILDREN, 1936--.

1 vol.

Record of assistance given children whose parents are unable to

furnish proper support, showing application no., serial no., name and address of guardian, monthly award, and date effective. Arr. chron. Hdw. 175 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

291. REGISTER OF CLAIMS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of claims filed and approved and warrants issued, showing date issued, claim no., account no., amount, appropriation charged, and monthly total. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 13 x 1.

292. CLAIM REGISTER, 1936--. 1 vol.

Register of claims, showing date, warrant no., amount, amount of overdraft, and balance. Arr. chron. Typed. 60 pp. 17 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

293. CERTIFICATE OF CLAIMS TO STATE DEPARTMENT, 1936--.

Record of expenditures reimbursed by state, showing register page no., amount paid from appropriation, account charged, date, and certification by auditor. Arr. chron. Typed. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

294. RECEIPT BOOK, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of money recovered on property for assistance given, showing receipt no., county, state, amount, name of payer, and to what account credited. Arr. by receipt nos. Typed. 175 pp. 20 x 10 x 1.

295. MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of monthly statistical reports of assistance given, showing date, names of applicants and recipients, and amounts granted. Arr. alph. by names of applicants and recipients. Typed. 100 pp. 20 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

XXII. SURVEYOR

The surveyor is a constitutional officer, elected for a term of two years without restriction on reelection. (1) He must give bond in a sum fixed by the board of county commissioners. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of surveyor was in existence by virtue of an act of 1818. (3) The inception date of this office in Fayette County is 1819.

The surveyor has charge, under direction of the county commissioners, of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the preparation of plans and specifications for, and supervision of, the construction of all bridges, turnpikes or other roads, ditches, drains, and levies. (4) He also has charge of the repair and maintenance of county highways, (5) unless the county commissioners may employ the surveyor to serve as highway supervisor. (7)

For private parties, he takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate, (8) and, upon request, establishes lines and corners of lands and lots. (9)

The surveyor may employ deputy surveyors to assist in performing the engineering duties of the office. (10)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3301. (7) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110.
(2) Acts 1913; Burns 49-3302. (8) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1857; Burns 49-3317.
(3) Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 102, sec. 1. (9) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1875; Burns 49-3311.
(4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1911; Burns 49-3309. (10) Acts 1891, 1899; Burns 49-3306.
(5) Acts 1933; Burns 56-1101.
(6) Act 1933; Burns 36-1113.

Surveys and Reports

296. SURVEYORS RECORD, 1864--. 3 vols. (T 13, T 14, T 15).

Record of surveys, showing section and quarter sections, corners, monuments, bearing trees, courses, distances, and ranges. No index.

Hdw. 450 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Aud. vt.

297. SURVEYORS RECORDS, 1900--. 24 file boxes (A-Z).

Drawings of alterations made on roads, highways, and bridges, showing date, location of bridge or road, and kind of alteration.

Arr. alph. by names of twps. 10 x 4 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

298. A RECORD OF THE FIELD NOTES OF FAYETTE COUNTY, 1834--.

18 vols.

Record of costs of material and labor on roads, bridges, and ditches, showing date, kind of material or labor, cost, and location of road, bridge or ditch. No index. Hdw. 175 pp. 7 x 5 x 3/4. Aud. vt.

299. PLAT BOOK CITY OF CONNERSVILLE, 1899-1922. 2 vols.

Plat of streets and lots in each addition, showing name, location, and scale of each plat. Indexed alph. by names of additions. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 30 x 2. Aud. vt.

Maps

300. FAYETTE CO., INDIANA, 1931. 700 Maps.

Political and communications maps, showing county roads, paved roads, railroads, twp. lines, twp. schools, and court house. Drawn by Maurice L. Scholl, Connersville, Ind. Printed. 3/16 in. to 1 mi. 21 x 15. Sur. off.

Maps (continued)

301. PART OF FAYETTE COUNTY INDIANA GRAVEL ROADS, 1909-22.

42 plans.

Plans and profile drawings of part of Fayette County gravel roads. Drawn by surveyor at Connersville, Ind. Black and white and blue-prints. Scale, approx. 7 in. to 1 mi. 36 x 24. Aud. vt.

302. PART OF FAYETTE COUNTY DRAINS, ROADS, AND DITCHES. 98

plans.

Plans and profile drawings of part of Fayette Co. roads, drains, and ditches. Drawn by surveyor, at Connersville, Ind. Black and white and blueprints. Scale varies. 36 x 24. Aud. vt.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The administrative system of building and maintaining county highways has undergone several changes, as they have become an increasingly important part of civic life.

In 1879 the legislature constituted the county commissioners a board of turnpike directors for the management and control of county highways. (1)

By legislative enactment in 1913, this board was abolished, and the highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways, who was appointed by the county commissioners. (2)

This office was abolished by the legislature in 1933 and the duties of the superintendent of highways were transferred to the county surveyor; (3) unless the county commissioners appoint a highway supervisor to perform the duties heretofore performed by the superintendent of highways. The highway supervisor serves at the will of the commissioners. The county commissioners may appoint the duly elected surveyor or a person other than the surveyor to be highway supervisor. (4)

The Fayette County commissioners did not appoint the surveyor or any other person to serve as county highway supervisor, and therefore the surveyor is charged with the maintenance of the highways.

All the records are located in the highway office in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1879, p. 226.

(3) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101.

(2) Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1.

(4) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110.

303. SUPERVISOR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

1933--. 1 file box.

Reports of costs of highway departments, showing work performed, material costs, payroll, man and machine hours, repair costs, and location of work performed. No index. 14 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

304. (CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGES), 1935--. 3 file boxes.

Record of cost of material used in bridge and road construction, showing kind of material, date, kind of bridge or road, and time required for completion. Arr. by names of bridges and roads.

14 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

305. DAILY REPORT (Truck Drivers), 1937. 15 vols.

Record of daily work performed by each truck driver, showing number of loads hauled, amount of gas and oil used, miles traveled, project, date, and name of driver. Arr. chron. Hdw. 6 x 7 x 13.

306. GRAVEL, SAND AND STONE PURCHASED, 1933--. 2 file boxes.

Copies of purchase orders for material, showing date, names of vendor and buyer, kind of material, and cost. Arr. chron. 14 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

307. CLAIMS TO GO TO AUDITOR'S OFFICE, 1933--. 1 file box.

Duplicate receipts for money paid out to firms for spare parts, and repairs to county machinery. No index. 14 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

XXIV. AGRICULTURAL AGENT

The office of agricultural agent was created by the legislature in 1913. This act provided that an agent should be appointed upon petition by the residents of the county. (1) The inception date of this office in Fayette County is 1917.

By legislative enactment in 1937 the office of agricultural agent was created for every Indiana county. The agricultural agent is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of a state board, entitled county agricultural agents board. The qualifications of the agricultural agents are prescribed by the board. (2)

The county council is required to appropriate not less than one thousand dollars annually to be used in paying office help, expenses of the agent, mileage, rent, or other incidentals. The salary of the agricultural agent is paid by the state through Purdue University.

The duties of the agricultural agent, under the supervision of Purdue University, are: To cooperate with movements for the advancement of agricultural and country life, with farmers' institutes, farmers' clubs, and other rural and civic organizations; to conduct practical farm demonstrations, boys' and girls' clubs and contest work; to give advice to farmers on practical farm problems; and to aid the superintendent of schools and the teachers of the county in giving practical education in agriculture and domestic science. (2)

All the records are located in the agricultural agent's office in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1913, 1923, 1927; (2) Acts 1937, ch. 224, sec. 1.
Burns 28-4911.

308. MONTHLY REPORT, 1921--. 2 file boxes. 1923 and 1935, missing.

Summary of monthly activities of the agent, showing conferences and meetings attended, demonstrations made, bulletins issued, and major reports prepared. No index. 12 x 14 x 18.

309. ANNUAL REPORT, 1922--. 1 file box.

Annual report of activities, showing 4-H Club work performed, papers and reports prepared, visits and demonstrations held, cooperation with the Agricultural Adjustment Act, and results of tests to increase yields of farm produce. No index. 12 x 14 x 18.

310. OFFICE BILLS, 1924--. 2 file boxes. 1935, missing.

Reports of office expenses, showing date, amount, and kind of expense. No index. 12 x 14 x 18.

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